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Lotto win for couple to get new teeth into



Win - Colin and Brenda

A COUPLE from Great Barr who scooped £4.3 million on the Lotto jackpot have said they hope to splash out on a new car, new house - and new teeth.

Colin and Brenda Roberts are still in shock at scooping the jackpot - banking a cheque for £4,390,682.

And one of the first plans on the wish-list for spending the money is for Colin to get his teeth fixed. Colin, aged 56, retired from his own motor repair firm DMR Roberts in 2007 to be a full time carer for his wife Brenda, 76, who has severe arthritis. They have been married since 1975 and Colin said: "This just doesn't happen to people like us. How many people go to bed and think, 'if I win the lottery, I'm going to do whatever? I just can't believe it's us!'"

The winning ticket was bought from Birdbrook News in Great Barr. Shop owner Bal Showler said: "I'm pleased for them. He is a lovely man."

Heading for charity cash

A SUPERMARKET worker will have her head shaved at an event for the Breast Cancer Care charity on Saturday.

Member of staff Barbara King will go under the razor at Sainsbury's in Reedswood, Walsall.

There will also be a tombola and a prize raffle including tickets to shows at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre and Birmingham Hippodrome. A Captain Jack Sparrow lookalike will also entertain youngsters and pose for photos.

MARKET DESIGN BACKING FAILS

TRADERS have hit out at the design of the new-look Walsall Market after independent experts were brought in to help draw up fresh proposals.

Council bosses are looking to create a long-term site for the near 800-year-old market. However, following drafts of the designs being put out for consideration, concerns were raised about the robustness of the demountable stalls, whether a back-to-back layout will work and accessibility.

Almost 400 people visited a two-day consultation event at Walsall's New Art Gallery last month and feedback forms have shown a majority of people are in favour of the market being situated at the Bridge and lower Park Street.

The Walsall Markets Working Group now wants extra time for the feasibility study to allow more detailed work to take place.

Feedback

A report on the £1.75m revamp, was due to be put before the council's regeneration scrutiny and performance panel on Tuesday. It confirmed that 388 people turned out to the consultation event.

From the feedback forms received, just over 60 people favoured the preferred location and layout for the market, with around 20 people against these proposals.

Around 45 traders have also voiced their concerns and the report says traders will continue to help shape the proposals.

Further research is to be carried out to get a better understanding of the operational requirements for the market.

In the report, Jo Nugent, team leader for borough wide development, said:

Report by Adam Burling

"Following this review of the operating considerations of the proposals, further revisions to the design and layout will be made, and a review of the capital costs to implement the scheme will be made.

"It may be necessary, depending of the extent of these revisions, for further public and stakeholder consultation to take place.

"A commitment has been made to continue to hold events with the market traders to engage them in the design process, and our existing retailer/ business networks will also be used to keep these stakeholders up to date."

Under the plans, the market would have 70 stalls to reduce the amount that are currently vacant. There are also proposals for a back-to-back layout so stalls face pedestrian routes and adjacent shop fronts.

Traders and storage areas would back onto one another along a central aisle. The new stalls would also be demountable so when the market is not operating it can act as a public open space. There would also be an outdoor seating area.

Carnival is crowning glory for girls



Regal - Radleys Primary pupils Brodie-Leigh Lovatt and Lily Teal with The Pink Fairy Castle from their school

THESE two girls are preparing for a right regal day as they take on the roles of queen and princess at an annual fair.

Organisers of the Rushall May Fair have named their queen for this year's event on May 5 as nine-year-old Lily Teal, while Brodie-Leigh Lovett, aged eight, will be the princess.

Their names were drawn from a hat of scores of entries.

They are now eagerly preparing for

the popular fair, which is expected to attract hundreds of families to Rushall Playing Fields in Rowley Place.

Excitement

Now in its 14th year, the fair also features rides, charity stalls, puppet shows, morris dancing and a classic car show. It runs from 10.30am to 4pm and entry is free.

The fair committee's chairman Sue Blakemore said the two girls, who are

pupils at Radleys Primary School in Rushall, 'could not contain themselves with excitement'.

She added: "They will get taken in a big limousine and will be crowned by the mayor of Walsall."

"They will get to meet everyone and will have a really great day. They are so excited and I'm sure they'll do really well."

Stalls are still available at the event. Call 01922442956 to take part.

Tuition role for disused building

A DERELICT former manufacturing building is to be converted into a tuition centre for up to 30 children after council chiefs backed the plans.

The site in Salisbury Street, Darlaston, will be open Monday to Friday creating new jobs as part of the scheme.

The extra teaching centre which will open between 5-7pm has been approved by Walsall Council officers under delegated powers. The site has been empty for a number of years and will create four part-time posts, with the tutoring of between 20 to 30 children.

The plans have received backing in the community. Darlaston councillor Paul Bott said: "It is a welcome thing in the area, bringing a derelict building back into use."

"If we can improve children's standard of education every facility is needed."

The application submitted in support of the plans said: "The building has been used for manufacturing with ancillary offices in the past. At present the property is vacant and in a dilapidated condition." "The children all live locally and therefore all of them would walk. The reasons for choosing a site within walking distance is that it saves time and money for parents."

Lake death man named

A MAN who drowned in the Walsall Arboretum lake has been named as Christopher Mills. The 26-year-old from the town was seen to be in difficulty at the beauty spot last Tuesday night.

It sparked a huge search operation by emergency services but his body was pulled from the water the following day. His death is being treated as unexplained by police.

Floral tributes, soft toys and candles have been left at the scene.

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Arts boost for former day centre

A FORMER day centre which was closed down last year has now been brought back into use as the home of a unique community art project aimed at older residents.

The base at Housing & Care 21's Mattesley Court in Mossley, Walsall, is now being used by the over 50s art class run by Adrian Davies-Ratcliffe.

Mattesley Court manager Su-

zanne Cunningham was approached by a resident to see if the group could use the vacant day centre space.

Contribution

She said: "When the group lost their previous base it looked like the sessions might not be able to continue.

"They couldn't afford to hire a

room as they just make a small contribution each week to the tutor to cover materials and his travel expenses.

"We don't charge for the space, so our residents are welcome to participate in the sessions for free.

"The art group is also bringing the wider local community into Mattesley Court, which is something we are very keen to encourage."

The former day centre space could also see increased activity as a possible home to the Mossley Community Hub.

Information

The art class runs every Tuesday from 10am to 12 noon.

Anyone who requires further information is asked to call 0370 192 4399.

'Ginger Warrior' Julie dies after cancer battle

A POPULAR mother of four who battled breast cancer and survived only to be told she had leukaemia less than a fortnight after being given the all-clear has died.

Former bar and cafe manager Julie Devlin, of Walsall, was nicknamed the Ginger Warrior for the fight she put up against cancer and she raised more than £1,500 for the hospital where she received chemotherapy treatment.

Tributes have been paid to the 49-year-old by her sister Dawn Perks, who was found to be a perfect match for a stem cell transplant that was carried out last year but proved unsuccessful.

Ms Devlin, who lived in Friezeland Road, Reedswood, was diagnosed with breast cancer in February last year and had a mastectomy at Manor Hospital before being given the all clear the following month. But she was readmitted to hospital a day later, on her 48th birthday, and was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia on March 26 last year.

Ms Devlin, who was born in Wednesbury and was a former Wood Green High School pupil, received chemotherapy treatment at New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton and eventually went into remission.

She was given the go-ahead to have a stem cell transplant and her sister was found to be a match. The transplant went ahead last September at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham but two months ago she was told it had failed. Mrs Perks, aged 47, said: "We just hoped and prayed it would work."

Ms Devlin, who ran the Charles Street cafe and The Orange Tree pub in Walsall before being diagnosed, died on April 11. She leaves partner, Jane Faulkner, 47, and children Hugh, 28, Dominic, 26, Joe, 23, and Siobhan, 20, and grandson Ollie, four.

Sergeant Robert Harris, from the Rushall and Shelfield team, said: "Since March 21 until April 13 there have been seven burglary dwelling offences in Rushall.

"Some of the offences have taken place early in the morning.

"Neighbourhood team are patrolling the area targeting known offenders and repeat locations."

Producer for music legends to visit site

A PRODUCER and engineer who worked with some of the greatest names in music holds a talk in the Midlands next month.

Ken Scott worked with the likes of The Beatles, David Bowie and Elton John in his long career.

The music producer and engineer will be holding his Abbey Road to Ziggy Stardust talk at University of Wolverhampton's Walsall Campus on May 6.

Over the years, Mr Scott has worked with classic rock acts including Pink Floyd, Procol Harum, Jeff Beck, Duran Duran, Harry Nilsson, The Rolling Stones, and Lou Reed.

He also played a big part in the world of jazz, being the first to integrate a more powerful rock sound into the genre.

Andrew Lowe, the university's music technician said: "Ken's career is an inspiration and that event is a once in a lifetime opportunity for our students to meet one of the most influential music producers of all time."

The talk will take place from 2.30pm to 5pm at the Performance Hub at the campus. Tickets are free for university students or staff, but £10 for the public - www.eventbrite.co.uk

Leaks worst in the spring

HOMES spring most leaks in spring, new statistics have revealed. Figures from Walsall-based HomeServe have revealed spring is the busiest time of the year for 'household mishaps'.

Around 49 per cent of West Midlands have reported a home emergency in spring over the last three years. March and April are highlighted as the worst months.

HomeServe chief Greg Reed said: "We'd recommend people take advantage of the bank holidays, to give their properties a bit of a post-winter MOT."

New pub seating

NEW outdoor seating is to be created at a town centre pub after plans were agreed. Six tables and 12 seats will be put outside JD Wetherspoon in Darwall Street, Walsall, as part of the street scene. The application was granted by the council under delegated powers.

Closed down care home to become flats

A FAILING care home which was closed down last year is to be transformed into flats after plans were backed by council chiefs.

Castlefort Grange, in Walsall Wood, is to be converted into nine apartments after planners gave the go-ahead to redevelopment proposals.

The Care Quality Commission last year said the home which catered for dementia sufferers was failing to meet national standards of care and safety and the operation of the business was suspended.

The proposals for the residential scheme

have been backed by council officers under delegated powers.

Head of planning in Walsall, David Elsworth, said: "Walsall Council seeks to work proactively with owners, developers and their agents in the public interest to promote sustainable developments in the borough."

"In this instance the council has been able to support the proposed development and has worked with the applicant."

The project involves converting the former care home, in Castlefort Road, into five one-bedroom and four two-bedroom flats.

The plans lodged with the council stated that it had been 'unfeasible' to continue operating the facility as a care home after operations were suspended and other options had been considered.

A letter submitted with the planning application said: "The former care home Castlefort Grange became commercially unviable in 2013 after the operation of the business was suspended at the behest of the local authority."

"Subsequently it became clear that it would be unfeasible to recommence an enterprise of this nature and alternative uses

were considered to prevent the possibility of the property having to be vacated and falling in to disrepair."

The plans state that the larger ground floor would have three, two-bedroom and two, one-bedroom flats. The former care home had offered accommodation and personal care to up to 23 people with dementia. When inspectors from the CQC visited the home last spring, after previously issuing a warning on their January 2013 inspection, they found the care provided was falling short of the standards people should be able to expect and improvements were needed.

Real Grace from young diabetic with campaign

WHEN she was diagnosed with diabetes five days after her eighth birthday, Grace Ryder knew she wanted to do something to help others with the condition.

The Walsall schoolgirl was diagnosed with the Type 1 illness in June last year. The condition occurs when the body does not produce any insulin sending blood sugar levels too high. But instead of letting it get her down, Grace began writing to Walsall South MP Valerie Vaz, as well as Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt, to encourage them to put more money into research to find a cure.

Grace, a pupil at Delves Junior School, has now decided to organise a fundraising event to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Her mother Julie, 45, said: "It was a really horrible time when Grace was diagnosed with diabetes and it was so difficult to stop her sugar levels from going too high or too low."

"She has a pump that gives her insulin through tubes but it means that she can't wear pretty dresses or if she does, holes have to be cut in them for the pump and the tube to get through."

"We don't have the money for a tubeless pump so the idea initially was to raise cash to buy one, but Grace said she would rather raise money for research so that she can help other children like her."

Refreshments

"It really brought a tear to my eye when she said that so I have been doing all I can to help her."

The fundraiser will be held at Delves Baptist Community Church on June 1, a year to the date Grace was diagnosed, from 10am until 12.30pm.

There will be cakes, food, refreshments, a tombola and a raffle as well as a name the teddy bear competition.

Both mother and daughter are now appealing for a food hamper to be donated and raffled off as a prize.

Mrs Ryder, of Botany Road, Walsall, added: "We have written to lots of big businesses asking for help in donating a hamper but haven't had any replies."

"Valerie said she is going to try and get a mobile diabetes unit set up at the event so that people can get tested for diabetes which will be great."

"I hope lots of people will turn up on the day and support this fantastic cause and show Grace that people really do care about this cause."



Grace Ryder, aged eight, from Botany Road, Walsall, who has Type 1 diabetes and is campaigning to help other young sufferers, with brothers Joseph, four and Daniel, six

Projects receive £190k in grants

COMMUNITY projects have benefited from more than £190,000 in funding over the last year with the help of a housing provider.

Walsall Housing Group has helped 60 groups gain access to funding from the Community First Neighbourhood Matched Fund, a government scheme which helps disadvantaged areas.

Grants of up to £2,500 were up for grabs and a number of projects helping sports

and dance clubs signed up. Carole Wildman, director of regeneration and development at WHG said: "We are delighted to have helped so many great projects in Walsall get access to funding through the scheme."

"It is particularly pleasing to see the funding has been matched with thousands of people volunteering hours. This highlights just how committed people in Walsall are to making a positive difference."

NEWS in brief

Concessions call over TV licences

HUNDREDS of blind people and their families are being reminded to claim a 50 per cent discount on their TV licence.

Last year more than 37,400 blind concessionary licences were issued in the UK, including 140 in Walsall. Live-in carers or family members could also benefit from the concession.

For details, or to fill in a form online, log on at tvl-censing.co.uk/blind or contact TV Licensing on 0300 790 0366.

Getting ready for summer shows

THOUSANDS of visitors are expected to flock to two events in Walsall in the coming weeks.

Caldmore and Palfrey Festival will take place from May 24 to 26 and The Walsall Mela on August 24.

The events are in their fifth year. To volunteer call co-ordinator Steve Breeze on 07970856148 or email stevebreeze@hotmail.co.uk. Bands who want to perform should call Glen Buglass on 07908472862 or email glenbuglass@walsall.gov.uk

Training firm's academy cash

A LEADING training provider has invested more than £250,000 in its academy. In-Comm Training and Business Services in Aldridge has spent the money on a new hydraulics and pneumatics section.

This includes a live components board for real-life scenarios for sector specific engineers, having offered a wide range of training and business solutions for more than 33 years.

Come on Dexys with city show

DEXYS are playing a warm-up show for Glastonbury in the Midlands on June 25. The band, formerly known as Dexys Midnight Runners, play at Kasbah in Coventry.

Wednesfield-born Kevin Rowland was the driving force behind the band, who had hits such as Come On Eileen and Geno in the early 1980s.

Pub fundraiser

A PIE eating challenge and egg and spoon race were among the events at a pub in aid of Acorns Children's Hospice. The Mayor of Walsall Mohammad Nazir visited the Limekiln in Aldridge last Friday.

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ONE report this week shows Britain has fewer hospital beds than most European countries. Another report reveals that one patient in 16 picks up an infection in hospital. So even if we had more NHS beds, who'd want to stay in them?

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IT IS claimed that the number of food parcels given away by food banks is rising towards one million. They have grown under the Coalition, just as they did under the last Labour government. They will continue to grow under whichever party forms the next government. Food banks are part of the 21st century political landscape and it is almost impossible to question their motives or their value without sounding hard-hearted. For the Tories, the only credible and acceptable response to food banks is to embrace them as part of the Big Society, to acknowledge that no welfare system will ever be 100 per cent efficient and to congratulate people who give their time and gifts to help those who slip through the welfare net. As long as cash and food donations are given to food banks freely by individuals and companies, no-one should object. And if Labour politicians are daft enough to brandish the rise of food banks as a club to whack the Tories, what will they be saying in 2020 when Labour has been in power for five years and the food banks are just about to hand over their two millionth parcel?

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THE Daily Mirror used a poignant front-page picture of a sobbing child to illustrate the desperation of families using food banks. It now emerges that the picture was taken years ago. The child is an American kid, the daughter of a photographer, who had been upset by losing an earthworm. There was absolutely no connection between this anguished child and food banks. Does it matter? I hope not. Newspapers and magazines tend to use generic, unidentified images when it would be wrong to identify an individual. I once worked on a paper whose photo library included an image of an old lady reading by the light of a candle. We used that image time after time to illustrate features on everything from loneliness in old age to burglary, adult literacy, dementia and power cuts.

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A FRIEND'S car wouldn't start. We left it a while and tried again, with the accelerator fully depressed. It started first time. Conclusion: the engine was flooded. Later, the car wouldn't start again. We removed the filler cap. It started first time. Conclusion: it was starved of petrol by a vacuum in the fuel tank. A few hours later the car broke down and even the AA couldn't fix it. Conclusion: It's a car. Cars have minds of their own. Especially if there's a bank holiday coming.

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THIS week's Marine Conservation Society report goes into ecstasies about the superb water quality at hundreds of British beaches. But those measurements were taken last year during an unusually long dry spell. After this winter's deluge, with rivers raging, cesspits overflowing and half of Somerset knee-deep in liquid sewage for weeks on end, anyone care for a paddle?

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TAKE a look around at your fellow Brits as the holiday season begins and the flesh goes on display. Do we look like a nation following healthy-eating advice? Or do we look more like a collection of beached whales, occasionally dragging ourselves to the hot-dog stand for another cholesterol fix? If you believe research published yesterday, a drop in the number of heart attacks and strokes is linked to a 15 per cent reduction in the amount of salt Brits consume. But isn't it far more likely to be the result of a massive NHS programme? Over the past 20 years millions of Brits have been diagnosed with high blood pressure by their GPs and given pressure-reducing pills. I bet that's having far more effect than any alleged change of diet. For the time being, I will take the salt connection with a pinch of oil, er, pepper.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Kevin leads Dexys into film premiere



Part of the Dexys trailer

A FEATURE-LENGTH documentary charting the rise of Dexys Midnight Runners, fronted by the Black Country's Kevin Rowland, is set to premiere in London next month.

The film, called *Nowhere is Home*, will be shown at NFT1 on London's Southbank on May 9 before heading around the country on tour.

The singer was born in Wednesfield and brought up in Blakenhall, and he talks candidly in the trailer for the

film about his times as a youth. A former pupil at St Mary and St John's Catholic Primary in Snow Hill, Mr Rowland moved to London before attending secondary school, and then returned to the Black Country aged 20 when he lived in Smethwick.

The documentary is set around a show from the band's two week residency at The Duke of York theatre in London, which was met by acclaim from fans and critics.

There are also interviews with Kevin and Jim Paterson, who plays trombone in the band which is now simply known as Dexys. The film was made by BAFTA winner Kieran Evans, who won the award for outstanding debut at this year's ceremony, alongside his friend Paul Kelly.

In the trailer for the documentary, the singer talks about how he was a 'no-hoper' after leaving school and drifted from job to job.

Fight for photograph at baby's grave backed

MORE than 1,000 people have signed a petition in support of a family who face not being allowed to show a picture of their baby on his gravestone.

Amy Hopson and Warren Hobbs want to put a photograph of little Archie on full show on the memorial in Willenhall Lawn Cemetery. But Walsall Council has raised concerns the photograph would upset mourners.

By Craig Hughes

It was proposed that if an image of the baby, who was stillborn, was added it should be covered up most of the time.

Widespread support has now been given to the couple and a total of 1,077 people have signed the petition in support of them being able to show the image. It will now be handed into Walsall Council this week.

A plaque is currently in place ahead of the main gravestone being added in the coming weeks. It had been suggested that a small hinged door be attached so the family could see the picture when they visit.

But Miss Hopson said they cannot see why it should be covered up and had received a mass of support including from SANDS – the stillbirth and neo-natal death charity. They are now hoping the council will soften the stance and allow the picture to be used.

The 24 year-old mother-of-one from Wednesfield said: "A lot of people are totally agreed they don't find

it distressing at all. They can't see why you can't have anything like that at the cemetery. A lot of people were disgusted," she added.

Baby Archie was stillborn at New Cross Hospital in December. Speaking in February, Miss Hopson said they were already grieving the loss of their baby without the extra distress caused by the situation.

She insisted the photograph looks like a baby sleeping and having spoken to other parents no-one else found it distressing. It is the only picture they have of their son.

In a statement released at the time the council said unfortunately the family wanted to use a picture which may upset other visitors. They suggested a compromise which would see a small hinged door fixed over the image, so the family could see the picture when they visit and then cover it over. This could then provide a satisfactory solution if practically possible.

Storylines at a stroll

MUSICIANS, singers and aspiring actors can take part in a brand new show. The Strolling Stories Project, funded by Arts Council England and Caldmore Accord, will create a piece of processional theatre which will be performed at Caldmore Palfrey Festival on May 26. The Journey Home has been written and directed by playwright and author David Calcutt and is inspired by folk tales and legends from around the world as well as stories from local people.

Rehearsals are due to begin at the end of April. Call Sam Hale on 07944 287798 or e-mail samhalestrollingstories@gmail.com for more information.

Happy cast ready for shows



Happy Days stars at Selfridges – Cheryl Baker, Ben Freeman and Heidi Range

HAPPY Days are here again as a new musical based on the hit 1970s TV series has landed in the West Midlands.

Happy Days – A New Musical is playing to audiences at the Birmingham Hippodrome until Saturday and returns to the Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton in June.

Based on the iconic TV series of the same name the show stars former Sugababe Heidi Range as Pinky, Bucks Fizz songstress Cheryl Baker as Mrs Cunningham and Emmerdale's Ben Freeman as the 'King of

Cool' Arthur 'The Fonz' Fonzarelli. The plot centres around beloved diner Arnold's, which the Fonz, Potsie, Ralph and the crew are battling to save from demolition.

Audiences are also set for a treat when Cheryl Baker re-enacts one of her Bucks Fizz party tricks during a solo number, while in traditional Happy Days fashion Fonzie mixes attempts to rescue the diner with managing his love interest. The musical has been written by Garry Marshall – legendary creator of the original series.

Revamp plans set to boost facilities

A BEAUTY spot could become one of the country's top watersports venues under ambitious new plans for a huge revamp.

Chasewater Country Park near Burntwood could also house an education centre and community garden.

It was recently taken over by Staffordshire County Council and bosses are drawing up plans for its future.

Until now details of the revamp have not been made public. But the council has revealed a series of options for how the land could be used to attract more visitors and boost income.

One of the plans is for the site to become a venue for water-skiing, sailing, windsurfing, wakeboarding, triathlon and BMX.

Another is to build an 'outreach centre' for one or more schools or colleges in the area.

And bosses have also raised the idea of a community farm, gardens, orchards, allotments and gardens.

Plans are in the early stages and council chiefs will make a decision in the coming weeks over which options to pursue.

The park is set across 890 acres, with a reservoir at its heart.

Pair accused of recording

TWO men have appeared in court accused of illegally recording a film at a cinema in Walsall.

Michael Bell, aged 22, of Birmingham Road, Aldridge, and Phillip Danks, 25, of Livingstone Road, Bloxwich, appeared at Walsall Magistrates Court. Both face a charge of conspiracy to defraud and are accused of recording Fast and Furious 6 at the Showcase on September 4 last year.

Danks pleaded not guilty, while Bell did not enter a plea. The pair will appear at Wolverhampton Crown Court on July 7.

Views on health

PEOPLE can give their views and experiences on health services on Saturday, organised through Healthwatch Walsall at Pelsall Village Centre. Families can give talk about their experiences with doctors, hospital pharmacies and care homes, from 11.30am to 3pm.

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Extra meeting over services

COUNCIL bosses will discuss children's services at a meeting on Tuesday at 6pm, at the Council House. Walsall's Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel have scheduled an additional meeting to discuss findings of various one-off working groups.

Members felt the need to further explore several areas of children's services. The working groups have been looking into home schooling, looked-after children and children's health.

Smash trial jury is discharged

THE jury in the trial of a Willenhall man accused of causing a smash on the M6 in which a pony died has been discharged after failing to reach a verdict.

Clayton Patterson, aged 51, of Villiers Street, was on trial at Birmingham Crown Court after denying dangerous driving.

It was alleged he had tried to undertake a horse-box before forcing it to stop by braking sharply leading to a smash with an articulated lorry. The smash was on August 13, 2013.

Blaze drama at special hospital

FIREFIGHTERS were called to a psychiatric hospital after a patient set fire to some clothing. The blaze broke out at the Dorothy Pattison Hospital in Alumwell Close at 8pm last Wednesday.

A 41-year-old man was taken to Walsall Manor Hospital to be checked over. Watch commander Ian Hill, of Walsall Fire Station, said: "The patient was very remorseful."

Library visits due by writers

AUTHORS are visiting libraries across Walsall over the next few weeks.

Crime thriller writer Zoe Sharp will be at Brownhills Library on April 29 from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

Rosie Goodwin will also visit Walsall Central Library on May 7 from 2-3.30pm. She will talk about her new book, *A Mother's Shame*.

Blaze at plant

DOZENS of members of staff were evacuated from a recycling plant in Darlston after 15 tons of recycled foam caught fire. Fire crews were called to European Metal Recycling at around 3pm last Monday.

Closure as droppings found at restaurant

A TAKEAWAY and restaurant has been closed after council officials said they found rat and mouse droppings at the premises.

Walsall Council environmental health officers found droppings in food preparation and storage areas during a visit to Roti Junction, in Caldmore.

A temporary closure notice was issued and officials say a pest control contractor has since caught three rats and a mouse at the premises, off Caldmore Road, Walsall Magistrates Court was told.

A Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Order was granted by magistrates meaning the premises must remain shut until cleaned and rid of rodents.

During the court hearing, prosecutor Mrs Kerry Munro said: "It is an application for a Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Order. It relates to a food business known as Roti Junction. These are premises at the rear of 116 Caldmore Road in Walsall."

"There are active infestations of both rats and mice." The owners of Roti Junction failed to turn up to last Tuesday's court hearing and could not be reached for comment.

Terror move man jailed

A TERROR suspect from the West Midlands has been jailed for 15 months after breaching terror prevention measures placed on him by police.

The man, who for legal reasons can only be identified as 'FF', admitted the offences at the Old Bailey last Tuesday. He was charged with attending an unauthorised meeting and using a computer without prior permission.

The man has been on remand since his arrest by officers from the West Midlands Counter Terrorism Unit last September.

Horse rescued

A HORSE had to be rescued after getting trapped down a ditch. A fire rescue technical rescue team were called to a field in Longwood Lane, Aldridge, at around 7.05am last Tuesday. Specialist equipment was used to lift the horse out of the 2ft wide hole.

GP surgeries may open all week long

DOZENS of GPs surgeries in the Black Country could be set to open seven days a week under new government plans to extend opening hours across the country.

Currently only a tiny fraction of practices in the UK are open all week on a full-time basis.

But Prime Minister David Cameron has set out plans aimed at making it easier for working people to access medical services at times when practices are traditionally shut. He said: "We want to support GPs to modernise their services so they can see patients from 8am to 8pm, seven days a week."

As part of a drive to ease winter pressures local health and care providers were each given a share of £250 million worth of government funding. The cash has enabled health care bosses in Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton to pilot seven-day opening schemes to test demand for the service.

Sandwell Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) ran a pilot scheme involving all 112 GP practices based in Sandwell and West Birmingham.

Under the scheme, which came to an end on March 31, any patient registered with a practice was able to make an appointment with a GP on a Saturday or Sunday.

Meanwhile in Walsall, 24 surgeries piloted seven-day opening during February and March. Over the two-month period patients registered at participating GPs were offered the chance to book extra appointments at weekends.

Salma Ali, spokesperson for Walsall CCG, said the pilot would test the need for additional opening hours during the traditionally busy winter period. The group is currently evaluating patient take-up.

However, senior doctors have warned the Prime Minister's proposals leave a number

of questions unanswered. Dr Bhikhu Pattni, West Midlands Council member, said: "There is no doubt there is demand for additional opening hours."

"We are faced with an escalating workload and an ageing society. Illness does not stop on Friday. But how is it going to be resourced and funded? A practice open seven-days a week and fronted by an experienced GP would be able to offer a full service, whereas one staffed by other healthcare professionals would not. For this to work the current workforce would need to be expanded."

Overcrowding biggest bugbear for tram users

OVERCROWDING has been identified as the biggest bugbear for tram passengers in the West Midlands, according to a watchdog.

Passenger Focus carried out a survey of 556 passengers on the Midland Metro service, which runs from Wolverhampton to Birmingham. The study found that most passengers were happy with the service, which compared favourably with other forms of public transport.

Let battle of bands commence

SOME of the West Midlands' best local bands are set to rock Wolverhampton's Wulfrun Hall when it hosts the climax of the 2014 Battle of the Bands competition tomorrow, Friday.

Talented young rock and pop musicians aiming for a future in the music industry will take to the stage hoping to emulate the likes of Johnny Marr, The Temperance Movement and The Fun Lovin' Criminals.

The contest is now down to its final five bands who will be aiming to impress a set of music industry judges. The event, which returned to the popular city venue after a four-year hiatus, has already seen 24 young bands battle it out since it was launched last September.

Bands competing for the coveted title are four-piece metallers Husk and indie band The Regulars, both from Wolverhampton, Walsall's Mr George's Famous Last Words and The Nics and Birmingham riff merchants Lynus.

Tickets are £6.60, available at www.wolvescivic.co.uk or by calling Midland Box Office on 0870 3207000.

However, the biggest source of complaints surrounded a lack of space.

While the service was praised for the condition of its vehicles, punctuality and journey times, 30 per cent identified the lack of personal space as a problem and a quarter said they were dissatisfied with the availability of seating or standing areas.

Two-thirds of passengers in the West Midlands said it represented satisfactory value for money, although 18 per cent thought the fares were too expensive.

Paul Griffiths, Metro programme director at public transport authority Centro, said he was pleased with the findings of the survey.

He added that a new £40 million fleet of larger trams would be running from the summer onwards, alleviating the problems with crowding. The new trams will be a third bigger than the existing stock, able to carry around 210 passengers, compared to 156 on the current model.

"This, together with a frequency of 10 trams an hour, will increase overall capacity by 40 per cent, easing the overcrowding that sometimes occurs during peak times as a result of the Metro's popularity," he said.

Almost half of respondents said they would use the trams more often were it not for the crowding on board.

Europe is in question for students



Students are seen with the three MEPs, from left, Phil Bennion, Nikki Sinclair and Anthea McIntyre

THE benefits of the European Union were debated by up to 100 students in the Midlands.

Three Members of the European Parliament for the West Midlands region were invited to Walsall College earlier this month.

It was part of Europe Day and attended by MEP's Anthea McIntyre, Phil Bennion MEP and Nikki Sinclair MEP at the Wisemore campus.

Students were asked to vote using electronic keypads whether Britain should be 'in' or 'out' of Europe.

Awareness

The students which took part gave the European Union their backing, with 66 per cent in favour of staying in the EU.

The aim of the event was to increase student awareness and interest in politics by engaging with experienced politicians.

June Morrow, director of student journey at the college, said it was a great way to help young people see the relevance of the European issue to their own lives and to recognise the power of their own vote.

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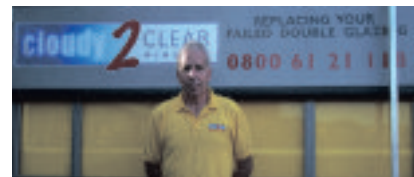
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IN MY VIEW

WITH MARK ANDREWS

SO after years of being told to cut down on our drinking, at last there's an expert who has come up with some advice we can all raise a glass to.

Dr Kari Poiklainen, who used to work for the World Health Organisation now says its okay to drink six pints a day.

Or if beer's not your bag, a full bottle of wine is all right too.

He says 'moderate' drinking is better for your health than abstinence, which in itself is probably not that controversial. But it is his definition of moderation which might raise one or two eyebrows.

Apparently, Dr Poiklainen – try saying that after six pints of Banks's – reckons anything up to 13 units a day should be ok.

To put that into context, the Government's recommended limit is 14 units a week for women, and 21 for men. Or in the traditionally po-faced US, it's 14 units a week full stop. In fact, you may remember a while back they tried stopping anybody from drinking anything at all, and that worked out, didn't it?

Still, Dr Poiklainen has been researching the effects of alcohol for years, something I have no difficulty in believing.

And you have to say, the prospect of joining for a spot of his 'research' does sound rather good fun, doesn't it? You know, ask him nicely, and he might take you on a tour of some of his favourite labs.

Predictably, the anti-drinking establishment has been unimpressed by the Finnish experts' work, with Julia Manning of the think-tank 2020Health, describing his claims as 'an unhelpful contribution to the debate'.

Now I tend to be deeply sceptical of anyone who thinks that jumbling up letters and numerals, with no gap in between, is the hallmark of a modern, progressive organisation.

And I really would like to believe Dr Poiklainen, who of course has a book to sell, but on this occasion I fear Mrs Manning might be right.

My first reaction on reading about Dr Poiklainen's work was that I wished he was my doctor. I mean, who wouldn't want to be told it's ok to live every day like closing-time at Oktoberfest?

But having thought about it again, perhaps not.

No doubt, Dr Poiklainen is a very well respected, educated man. I'm sure he has got lots of letters after his name – come to mention it, he's got a fair few letters in his name, hasn't he?

But when push comes to shove, I'm not sure he's the type of man I would want to be brandishing the scalpel during a delicate piece of surgery.

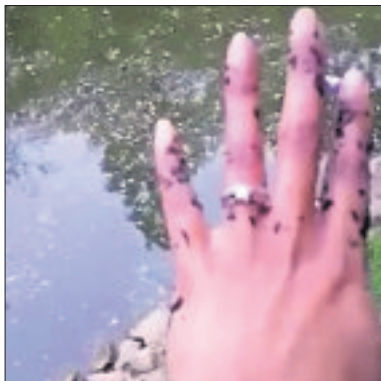
Not after he's been on a 'moderate' drinking session, anyway.



The pond where Sharif searched for three hours



A delighted Sharif after recovering the engagement ring



An elated Stephanie shows off the engagement ring

Fiance plops the question at park

Wedding proposals can be stressful, but what if you lose the ring in a pond? **ADAM BURLING** reports

IT was supposed to be the romantic moment every woman dreams of, when the love of her life finally proposes.

Sharif Uddin had whisked his girlfriend Stephanie Jackson on a weekend away in Bath – and chose a picturesque setting in a country park to pop the question.

But it all went horribly wrong when he dropped the engagement ring in a pond as he got down on one knee.

Sharif had to wade into the 3ft deep water to try and find the diamond ring – and could not track it down for three hours.

Luckily Stephanie remained patient as he sifted through mud – and his determination paid off as he eventually found it.

The ring had cost him £1,500 and he had designed it himself in a series of visits to a jeweller's.

Combing

He was not going to let his moment slip through his fingers and so he refused to give up even when the odds were stacked against him.

They even ended up buying sieves, rubber gloves and Wellington boots for the task and after returning to the site they doggedly set about carefully combing the area inch by inch.

Passers-by began to gather and watch, but instead of getting embarrassed and giving up on the difficult task facing them, they decided instead to embrace the attention and use it to spur them on.

The couple, who both work in a bank, say they can now look back on what could have been a disastrous start to their road towards married life and laugh.

And the eventful proposal has ensured



Sharif Uddin and Stephanie Jackson on their romantic trip to Bath

that Stephanie and Sharif will always remember the time when he asked that momentous four word question, with a unique story to pass on to future generations of their family.

When the ring was plucked from the mud, it was the first time she had even seen it. But she insists the moment was just as special as if it had all gone smoothly.

Stephanie, aged 32, said: "I couldn't believe it when Sharif scooped it out of the mud.

"I hadn't even managed to have a look at the ring when he proposed – I wasn't disappointed.

"It was a hilarious comedy of errors from the start, but at least it ended well."

Romantic Sharif had taken Stephanie

from their home in Walsall on a short break.

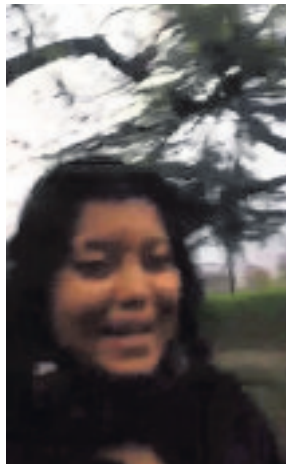
It was even more of a special occasion for her as she had absolutely no idea just what he had planned.

He had been waiting for the right opportunity to pop the question but wanted everything to be perfect.

And it was during a stroll through the city's beautiful Royal Victoria Park that he spotted what he thought would be the most romantic place to propose – a stone bridge over a small pond.

But dropping the ring was definitely not part of the plan, sparking an almost unbelievable chain of events which could come straight out of a television sitcom.

He was so keen to rescue the ring that he initially leaped straight into the



Stephanie's joy after the ring is found

water without a thought for his clothes. Miss Jackson said: "There was a lot of swearing – he dived into the pond pretty much straight away, forgetting completely he had his mobile in his pocket.

"Sharif had designed the ring himself, so I know he was very keen for me to see it.

"We ended up buying sieves and wellies and after about 10 trips to the bottom of the pond, scooping up mud and that, we finally managed to find the ring.

"I think it's pretty miraculous, really. "Now I'll never forget my proposal. It was like a scene out of a movie."

The pair's newly gathered crowd of onlookers, willed Sharif on in his search and cheered loudly when the ring was finally recovered from the muddy pond.

POLITICS

WITH DANIEL WAINWRIGHT



CRISIS? What crisis? Apparently Ed Miliband's cost-of-living crisis is over, if it ever existed at all.

That's the argument advanced by the Chancellor and Tory MPs as they claim 'compelling evidence' that the economic strategy is working.

Vages are growing faster than inflation, unemployment is down and house sales (not to mention prices) are up. So why the growth in food bank use then?

People who want to claim politicians are all just the same might want to look a bit more closely.

As Parliament went into recess, MPs were suggesting a very different picture of Britain's progress.

Gavin Williamson, the always friendly and cheerful MP for South Staffordshire, says 83,000 more people are in work since the Tories didn't quite come to power.

"That means 83,000 more hard-working people bringing home a regular pay packet, giving them and their family more financial security for the future," he said.

Labour has a very different view of the 'secure future' we are embarking on.

Dudley MP Ian Austin says a record 93,461 people used West Midlands food banks in the last year, including 35,425 children. He suggests 'thousands of families in the West Midlands face a cost-of-living crisis and the benefits system is in chaos'.

Those figures are from the Trussell Trust charity. And the Government thinks they might be making a rod for their own back.

An unnamed spokesman for the Department for Work and Pensions said: "Even the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development says there are fewer people struggling with their food bills compared with a few years ago, benefit processing times are improving and the Trussell Trust's own research recognises the effect their marketing activity has on the growth of their business."

It comes down to your point of view. Fewer people struggle with food bills, but food bank use has grown.

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Wolverhampton MP Pat McFadden made some remarks in a broadcast interview this week that he wants a Labour party that 'takes wealth creation every bit as seriously as its fair distribution'. The remarks were seized upon by some of the national papers as a sign that he did not think his party leadership had a workable economic plan.

In fact the Blairite MP for Wolverhampton South East's views on this are well known. What were not picked up were his concerns over the prospect of Britain leaving the European Union. He calls the possibility the 'biggest economic threat facing the country'.

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Time for change to get out of the mire

AN open letter to Councillor Bird, leader of Walsall Council, all the other councillors and those that select those to be elected.

No doubts there are far too many matters which have been outstanding for too long a time, with no creditable reasons given as to what actions are being taken.

Schools – there are many schools in Walsall that perform well.

We also have something like eight schools persistently in Walsall being reported by Ofsted as under-performing.

Surely the differences which produce such contrasts should be used to assess the causes of these continuing discrepancies.

Roads – we have seen, even recently, road repairs which are done properly, and which last.

But, we still see repairs done in a shoddy fashion and in no time are as bad as ever. There has to be a lesson to be taken from the differences, as to why.

Under-performing senior staff, now sacked from the social services department, not for the first time, with others

taking their case to court and winning substantial claims for unfair dismissal.

Those in the latest fiasco, having been suspended for 15 months on full pay, have now been sacked. We still await some explanation.

These repeated failings have to be indicators that incompetence is endemic within the administration. Election day, May 22 is closing in. Should Walsall want to lift itself out of the mire it continues to flounder in, it is quite blatant that drastic changes are required.

RAY HAMMOND,
Alexandra Way, Aldridge.

Packaging motives up in smoke

THE pretence that replacing branding with hideous imagery will deter children from taking up smoking, is seriously flawed. It is the contents we smoke, not the packaging.

Some 70 years ago, when I started smoking, a single cigarette was passed from hand to hand among a group of friends, and nobody even knew the brand.

The true motivation of the delusional anti-smoking lobby is exposed by a campaign to ban eco-cigarettes, on the grounds that these might introduce children to smoking the 'real thing'. Do they also believe that a maturing child will be driven back to breast feeding by providing access to a 'dummy'?

Interference with freedom of choice is insidious. What next? Will chocolate be screened from view, chips packed in coffin shaped boxes, and beer cans emblazoned with diseased livers?

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Walsall heroes of Jack and Russell's

I WAS so pleased to read your delightful feature on two Walsall legends, 86-year-old cyclist and local historian Jack Haddock, and Russell Cycles in Stafford Street.

I can only clock up around half Jack's 80 years as a happy Russell's customer, but I would like to say how much they have helped me down the years with their swift and expert attention, including one painful incident in the late 90s when, as Mayor at the time, someone removed the saddle of my Mayoral bike from the Council House cycle stand, a problem which was solved, after a delicate ride to Stafford Street, where Mr Russell fitted a new saddle to the saddle post there and then. As for Jack, he regularly does the 20-mile round trip to Lichfield. Currently, there's an exhibition of his photographs at the Local History Centre in Essex Street. This can be viewed for the rest of April, Tuesdays to Thursdays, and on Saturday mornings.

Jack's photographic record of transport in Walsall over many decades really deserves a prestigious platform such as the New Art Gallery. If it weren't for the substantial cost in these times of huge cuts I'd be nominating Jack as a worthy candidate for Freeman of the Borough – a charming, 100 per cent authentic Walsall working-class hero, and Walsall's longest-standing council tenant, to boot!

CLLR RICHARD WORRALL, Walsall

Libraries losing their personality

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Inquest is opened on tragic death of Jack, 12

AN INQUEST has opened into the death of a boy who was hit by a lorry while crossing a busy road on his way home from school.

Jack Garrington, 12, from Rushall died after being struck by the vehicle while crossing the Chester Road near to the Anchor Pub, just before 3.30pm on April 10. He was walking home from his school, Shire Oak Academy in Brownhills.

At last week's hearing Margaret Collins, coroner's investigator for the Black Country, said: "On April 10 he was walking home from school. His journey led him over the busy A452 Chester Road. In doing so he was struck by a lorry and received fatal injuries and he died at the scene."

The ambulance service treated him, but despite their best efforts they were unable to revive him.

Senior Coroner for the Black Country Robin Balm said: "Any road traffic death is a tragedy, but especially in the case of a young schoolboy." He adjourned the case for further investigations to take place.

Since the accident scores of children have visited the scene where Jack died and

left ties, flowers and tributes. His family have paid tribute, describing Jack, who lived in Kings Road in Rushall, as: "A lovely boy who was well loved by his family."

Shire Oaks Academy Principal, Gary Crowther added that his death was 'a shattering loss' for the academy, which had left people at the school feeling 'empty'.

Residents living near to the road are calling for traffic calming measures to be put in place along Chester Road North following his death and have started a petition that has already gathered more than 160 names and a Facebook campaign that is being backed by more than 2,000 people.

Open auditions for new dance school



Instructor Katie Lander, who hopes to get more people involved in dancing at auditions on Sunday

A NEW dance school to get people off the sofa and enjoying some exercise has been set up. Donna and Katie Lander launched Dance Elite at Willenhall's E-Act Academy and will be holding open auditions for people to sign up.

The mother and daughter set up the classes because of their shared love for dancing and singing. Katie studied performing arts at Walsall College and will be teaching disco, freestyle, ballet and tap one day a week.

Mrs Lander, aged 48, said: "Katie has been singing since the age of three and she is now 19 and her passion has never died. I have been singing for the last 45 years so together we are both really looking forward to holding auditions for new members."

Auditions will be held on Sunday. Dancers aged five to 12 can show off their skills from 11am to 12pm and anyone over the age of 12 from 12-1pm. Successful applicants are taking part in a 70s disco show in the summer holidays.

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Roger out of Africa to score a hit at campus

HE BECAME a worldwide sensation for his World Cup goal celebrations – and former Cameroon ace Roger Milla believes England fans should not rule out celebrating this summer.

The iconic former African striker achieved international stardom at the 1990 World Cup with four goals at the sprightly age of 38.

He became known for his dance at the corner flag after hitting the net and also went on to appear at the next finals four years later – becoming the oldest ever scorer.

Nowadays he has set up a foundation, Coeur d'Afrique, which aims to help underprivileged children and get them an education in his homeland.

And as part of a link-up the University of Wolverhampton Roger has helped sponsor an IT facility in Yaounde in the capital of Cameroon.

Milla visited the Walsall campus of the university last Wednesday to see some of the facilities on offer including the British Judo Centre.

Speaking through an interpreter at the Walsall campus he said he often gets requests to repeat his goal dance and also said England had a chance of success in Brazil. "Everywhere I go people ask me to perform it, but the best way it can be done is after you have scored a goal. It is a bit artificial to do this anywhere else."

He added: "It very much depends how they do in the pool matches. Very often England reach the quarter-finals then suddenly stumble, the rhythm goes down and they don't progress."

"If they reach the semi-finals why not? Anything is possible. Particularly as you see what the English Premier-



Roger Milla at the Walsall campus with Judo GB coach Dennis Stewart



1990 World Cup star Roger tries out the equipment at the facility's gym

ship is like and particularly what Liverpool are doing this year. Liverpool have got excellent players that can take England into the finals. Yes, they have a chance if they get through the pool stage."

Milla, now aged 61, said he had been impressed by what he had seen at the university and was looking forward to learning more about the area during his visit. "It is very impressive what I

have seen, it is a magnificent campus. We unfortunately don't have anything of the sort in Cameroon," he said.

"I have never been to the West Midlands before. I believe it is a very nice pleasant area and I am looking forward to discovering it a little bit more. I very much wish the partnership we have set up with the university will become very active, will become very forward-looking."

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Dean opens the doors on training for fans



Saddlers' boss Dean Smith meets the fans during a Walsall FC open training session held at Banks's stadium

YOUNG supporters got up close and personal with their heroes when Walsall FC hosted an open training session.

The Saddlers flung open the Banks's Stadium doors on the first day of the Easter holidays, with fans offered the chance to get an insight into what makes Dean Smith's team tick.

Watched by a crowd of around 300, players took part in their regular Monday training session, which included strength and conditioning work as they got ready for two games over the holiday weekend.

Once the session was done, skipper Andy Butler and the rest of the squad met with fans, chatted and signed autographs.

Manager Smith felt the session brightened the mood, after a disappointing run of results which has ended his side's play-off hopes.

"It just puts the game into perspective now," he said. "You had the disappointment of losing the weekend and now you come and see the kids here on a Monday, their first day off of the holidays and it's been a good turnout. "It's been nice to see so many people here."

Smith addressed the crowd before the session began, while they also heard from physio Jon Whitney on the work players do to ensure they stay free of injury.

"It gives them a bit of understanding of what is happening," added Smith. "They can get close, they can talk to the players and I don't think that goes on so much at the top level."

"I think that is what it has to be, the reality is the players have to mix in with the people they are playing for. The relationship between the players, myself and the supporters has been close while I have been in charge."

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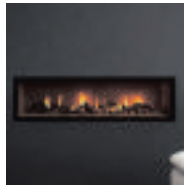
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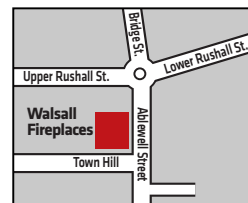
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Under starter's orders for event



Launching Aldridge Running Club's 10k run, with mayor Mohammad Nazir are Jane Quinn, Jack Heaven and Jason Lee

HUNDREDS of runners will be putting their best foot forward for an annual 10k race. Aldridge Running Club is hosting its 2014 race for young and old through the town on June 8. It will be sponsored by sports retailer Decathlon and Walsall and around 600 are anticipated to sign up.

The club is based at the Stick and Wicket on the Green in Aldridge, and meets every Tuesday. Members cover distances from between one and 10 miles and many of its 200 take part in races all over the Midlands and the UK.

Participants can enter online at www.aldriderunningclub.co.uk or www.runnersworld.co.uk or www.stuweb.co.uk

Postal entry forms will be available from Decathlon Wednesbury and Walsall Leisure Centres. Anyone interesting in helping with marshalling or any other aspect of the race please get in touch at www.aldriderunningclub.co.uk.

Pledge on freedom ceremony for Noddy

A CEREMONY presenting Slade star Noddy Holder with the freedom of Walsall will be transmitted live in rooms throughout the town's council house after fears were raised that fans would not be able to see it.

The event will be held in the council chamber at 6pm on June 24 and is open to the public who can watch from the gallery.

by Adam Burling

There is space for up to 100 people in the gallery but Councillor Pete Smith, who campaigned for Noddy to get the honour, said there will be many more who will want to watch.

So council leader Mike Bird has now agreed for committee rooms of the council house to be opened up with video screens showing the event.

A reception will then be held in a conference suite afterwards for invited guests.

The musician will become only the 21st person to receive the privilege in 109 years after the council voted unanimously last year to approach the star. It came following a motion put forward by Councillor Smith.

The invitation was made on the 40th anniversary of the release of Merry Xmas

Everybody, which went to number one and stayed in the charts until February 1974. Councillor Smith said: "There will be a lot of people who want to see the ceremony so I think action needs to be taken to address this."

Councillor Bird said the council would look at which committee rooms can be used. He added: "We can transmit council meetings in there so it shouldn't be a problem. It will be put to the council now I have had the request."

Councillor Smith added: "We've seen Lenny Henry honoured in Dudley and Frank Skinner and Julie Walters in Sandwell and the time has come to confer the same honour on Noddy Holder."

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Brian seen at the wheel of his 1936 Austin Seven with best friend Vernon Walker, in 1953



The start of the restoration in Brian Rollings garage



The 78-year-old with his pride and joy 1936 Austin Seven Opal Tourer after restoration



How the Austin looked when Brian finally found it again



Stripped back and ready for a respray in April 2012

Cherished Austin powers Brian's drive to relive his younger days

IT WAS the first car he ever bought back in 1953 and driving it 'made him feel like a king'.

Now pensioner Brian Rollings has been reunited with his beloved 1936 Austin Seven Opal Tourer – 61 years after he traded it in for a new model.

Mr Rollings bought the car when he was just 17 and spent hours polishing it and was the envy of his friends, even taking them to Weston-super-Mare in Somerset on holiday. Brian even went on his first date with his wife of 56-years Sylvia, when they first met shortly after he bought his beloved car.

But two years after buying it, he reluctantly traded the car in for a bigger Ford Popular 103E in 1955.

Brian, now 77, always regretted selling the car and after getting interested in classic cars set about trying to track down his pride and joy.

After spending 10 years scouring classic car magazines, auction houses and internet sites, he finally found it in a dusty barn

MEMORY LANE by Adam Burling

18 miles away from his home in 2011. He bought the car, with a top speed of 52mph, back and has spent the last three years lovingly restoring it back to its former glory.

It now takes pride of place outside the great grandad's home in Walsall, and he has vowed never to be parted from the car again.

Brian, a retired engineer who has two grown-up sons, three grandsons and two great-granddaughters, said: "I bought the car from a greengrocer in Birmingham for £140 in 1953.

"I'd got a new job and wanted a car so put an ad in the local paper for an Austin Seven Opal, my dream car.

"A greengrocer contacted me and told me he had one so I raced over and viewed it and said I wanted it.

"I must have saved for months to find

the money and I was worried someone else would snatch it up but when I drove it home for the first time I felt like a king.

"My mates thought it was great too and we had some fantastic times heading to the coast with the top down. I sold it in 1955 after trading it in for a bigger car but I always regretted doing that. I loved the car and over the years I just wanted to get it back.

"I got into classic cars and bought a Rolls-Royce and a Mark VI Bentley convertible but I always hankered for the old 1936 Austin Seven.

"Finally I saw it advertised when I went to the Practical Classics Restoration Show at the NEC in 2011.

"I enquired about the car immediately but was devastated to learn it had been sold the day before.

"It had been off the road for 40 years in a barn in Coleshill in Warwickshire. It was rotten and covered in toy teddy bears. I didn't recognise it. But when I saw the number plate my heart jumped. I couldn't

believe I found it. I was determined not to let it slip away.

"The purchaser had agreed the deal and, even though it was painted orange and in a very grim state, I knew I could get it back to how it used to be. I collected the car the following week and started on the restoration immediately.

"I was 75 when I got the car back so I felt time was of the essence. Then on November 4, 2012, just 11 months after the project began it passed its MoT first time.

"I love driving it around now. I feel exactly like I did when I was 17."

Wife Sylvia, 77, a retired administrator, added: "I always say to people that Brian loved two things in this life, me and that Austin Seven. I remember him driving me around when we first started courting and it is lovely to go out again and relive all those wonderful memories."

More recently his motor was the star attraction at the Practical Classics Restoration Show at the NEC which was attended by tens of thousands of car fanatics.

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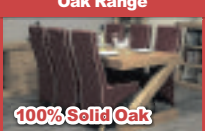
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Options are outlined for walk-in centre's future

OPTIONS have been drawn up for the future of Walsall's Walk-in health centre which will have to make way for future regeneration of the town centre.

Proposals could see the centre in Digbeth relocated to either somewhere within or outside the town centre, or merged with the emergency and urgent care centre at the Manor Hospital.

A report to Walsall Council's health scrutiny panel, which meets today, Thursday, says the regeneration of the town centre has highlighted immediate concerns regarding the provision of walk in centre services in the borough from April 2015.

A review of how urgent care is delivered in Walsall is currently being carried out.

There are four main services in Walsall that people access if they need urgent or emergency care.

They are the Walsall Manor A&E department, the independent Badger GP out of hours service, Walsall emergency and urgent care centre and walk-in centre.

The future of the walk-in centre will be shaped by the outcome of a review which includes the views of the public.

A consultation has now been launched so that people can have their say over where they think the centre should move to. The report said: "There are immediate changes required relating to the walk in centre and the emergency urgent care centre due to the impending contract end dates and the regeneration of the town centre."

"A 12-week public consultation will ensure that the patient voice is at the heart of our plans."

"We now need to understand people's views on the future of access ar-



Walsall's Manor Hospital, which may house the relocated walk-in centre rangements in the borough." Earlier this year patients were urged to only visit Walsall Manor's A&E if their condition is serious or life-threatening as staff struggled to cope with an influx of people.

The department saw a surge in patients in recent months and bosses

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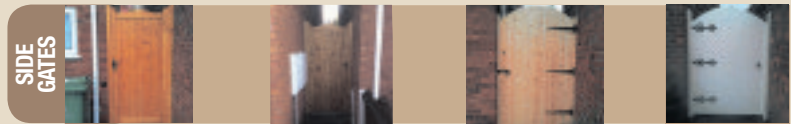
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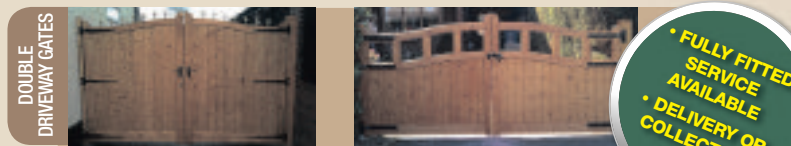
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Council stands by demolition decision

CABINET chiefs have stood by their decision to demolish a Black Country community base following calls for it to be saved.

The future of Dartmouth House in Walsall was thrown into doubt after Walsall Council agreed proposals to dispose of the freehold and allow it

to be demolished. Services have been moved out of the venue while Ryecroft Neighbourhood Resource Centre has been given a 25-year lease to run community services in New Forest Road.

Council leader Mike Bird has now said he wants the building to be demolished as soon as possible.

He said: "We can't afford to pay the costs of security. In most areas of the borough we've seen buildings that have been vandalised or set fire to."

He said that it would cost more than £287,000 would have to be spent on repairs and maintenance over five years to preserve Dartmouth House.

Love keeps rolling on for diamond couple



June and Gordon Read from Pelsall, reflect on their messages of good wishes on cards for their diamond wedding anniversary

THEY met at the local roller-drome and after more than six decades together the wheels are still firmly on their long and happy marriage.

Gordon Read, now 84, said June 'caught his eye' at the rink, in Temple Street, Wolverhampton, and she agreed to meet him the following week outside The Regal in Darlaston.

But the budding romance was almost over before it started after Gordon turned up for the date in his

civvies instead of his Army uniform. "I was a bit disappointed - I liked to see a man in uniform," said June, 82. He didn't make that mistake on their next outing and a couple of years later the pair were married on March 27, 1954, at All Saints' Church, Darlaston, in front of 100 guests.

The celebration continued at the nearby Woden Works canteen where they held their reception before the happy couple set off for a week's honeymoon to London.

Gordon spent most of his working life at FH Lloyds in Wednesbury, the largest steel foundry in Europe.



The couple seen on their big day

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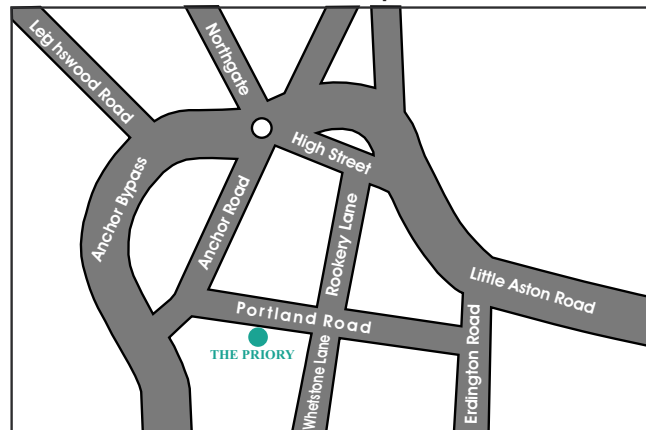
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Douglas on track for hospice boost



Douglas Hansen-Luke seen after his fundraising London Marathon effort for St Giles Walsall Hospice

CONSERVATIVE candidate for Walsall North Douglas Hansen-Luke raised more than £1,000 for a local hospice by running the London Marathon.

Mr Hansen-Luke took part in the annual event to raise funds for St Giles Walsall Hospice. He said: "It was great to cross the London finish line knowing that Walsall residents have banded together to raise vital funds. We will continue to raise money for the Walsall hospice throughout the year with an overall £5,000 target."

He completed the 26.2 miles in 4 hours and 45 minutes. He added: "The first half was fast and fun. I remember crossing Tower Bridge and suffering a little pain but overall the sky was blue and the weather great." The money will help provide specialist care for people living with serious illnesses, as well as support for their families and carers.

Mayor set to be there for fair old tradition

THE mayor of Walsall will tomorrow be keeping a centuries-old tradition alive by walking through the borough's markets as part of an annual event.

Mohammad Nazir is set to take part in Walking the Fair, which dates back to at least 1662 and originally took place before the town's annual fairs.

These events, or markets, were granted to Walsall in its Charter by King Charles I. Traditionally, the Mayor of Walsall and residents walked a route that symbolised their recognition of the role played by the market.

This year, Councillor Nazir will be at the Crossing at St Paul's, in Darwall Street, from 10.30 am on April 25, for the event that is being led by Walsall Civic Society.

The Glorifiers will demonstrate their Sister Dora dance, after which the Town Crier will call guests to order and read an extract

by Adam Burling

from the Market Charter. The mayor will start the parade through the market with the Bayard Colts leading the procession accompanied by minstrels.

Walkers will process through Park Street to the Sister Dora Statue where the next extract from the Market Charter will be read.

They will then proceed towards Bradford Street and via the arcade to the market bell where the Town Crier will read again. The mayor will stop at pre-arranged

Eyes have it at centre

A BEAUTY salon is the latest business to open at Walsall's Saddlers Centre. Lashious, which specialises in lash extensions and threading, joins new arrivals Blue Inc, Ace Clothing and Ryman. Steve Pope, asset director for Topland, the company which owns the Saddlers Centre, said: "This new let will be the 30th deal since Topland purchased the cen-



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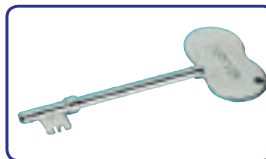
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VICE chairman Astrid van der Burgt welcomed members and the new committee which includes Maureen Jones and Norma Stamp as treasurer.

Correspondence included acceptance letters for invitations to the musical evening led by Adrian Wiggley to celebrate 85 years of the national Townswomen's Guilds.

Karen Da' Casto has a great calendar of outings arranged, visiting Bletchley Park, Severn Valley Railway and Kensington Palace.

Members voted for the charities of the Year and elected to support Kate Jergas's Free2Be which gives Hand-up help to underprivileged children living in Kenya.

The club is also supporting Sue Smith, Brownhills Beaver Leader who has been chosen to go to Japan for the World Jamboree in 2015.

Astrid made final arrangements for the popular 'Evening of Fashion' to be held on Thursday May 15 at the Memorial Hall, Brownhills at 7.30pm. All funds raised will go to the chosen charities.

A vote was taken and passed to purchase a new Golden tree to replace the commemorating the group's Golden Anniversary which has died. David Jacques gave a talk on the refurbishment of the Sg-nall Walled Garden.

At the next meeting on Monday May 12 at 7.30 pm at the Memorial Hall Ian Watkins will give a talk on 'Behind the Scenes at the Grand Theatre'.

Cheque is handed over to MS Centre



Christine Husbands collects the cheque from SI President Parkash

SI WOLVERHAMPTON

AT the February meeting of Wolverhampton Soroptimists President Parkash welcomed Regional President Edna Shafter Hughes who gave an interesting insight into her life, German connections and involvement in Soroptimist International.

In February, Parkash had visited the Multiple Sclerosis Centre, Newbridge to view the new extension and refurbishment of the building and learn of the new extra sessions they were hoping to be able to cater for, on demand.

In March following an enjoyable meal

at the Lindens, President Parkash invited Christine Husbands of the Multiple Sclerosis Centre to receive a cheque for £1,200 to use at the centre to improve conditions and refurbishments. The money had been collected from a number of events during the year.

The club had lengthy discussions on the 'Format for the Future', in which many interesting points were raised.

Talk given on castle's history

BLACK COUNTRY

MAX Keen was the speaker at the last meeting of the Kingswinford Branch held in St Mary's Church Hall.

Max is a local primary school teacher and gives many talks in the area, including the annual Bromsgrove Festival. He spoke about 'The History of Dudley Castle, 1071-1932'.

He made a grand entrance in period costume and showed samples of chain mail, swords, protection helmets and shields and other artefacts.

He described the castle buildings for the very early days and in the 1530s the

castle was only rivalled by Hampton Court. Over the years buildings were added and the grounds were scenes of spectacular events.

Max is an entertaining speaker and makes history come to life. His talk was very well received.

On May 21 Dr Chris Upton will be the speaker.

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Special award for team leader Tracey



A group of students are on a 12-week personal development programme through the Prince's Trust. A YOUTH worker has been recognised for helping to transform the lives of more than 100 young people.

Prince's Trust team leader Tracey Powell, who studies at City of Wolverhampton College, was nominated in the West Bromwich Community Regeneration Awards for her outstanding contribution to the town.

She picked up her certificate at a ceremony at West Bromwich Town Hall.

Ms Powell has spent the last four years working as a team leader on the Prince's Trust's 12-week team programme, working with vulnerable young adults, many of whom have now moved on to further education, voluntary work or employment.

She said: "I'm very privileged to do what I do and feel it is the students who put in all the effort - my job is to help them."

The next Prince's Trust Team starts at Wednesbury Fire Station on May 27. Details on 01902 836000.

Project to improve supply of water ends

A MULTI-MILLION pound scheme to improve emergency water supplies to homes and businesses is now in place as part of a pioneering project.

The £2.3m initiative has seen two-and-a-half miles of new pipes installed between Barr Beacon reservoir in Walsall and Perry Barr reservoir.

The work has been carried out to ensure there is a back up water supply. The project is the first of its kind as it involves linking one of Severn Trent's reservoirs with another belonging to South Staffs Water.

Programme manager, John Tuck said: "Two and a half miles of new water pipes have been installed between Perry Barr reservoir and Barr Beacon reservoir in Walsall. We've done this so if there's a problem with our system, we can re-route water from our neighbouring supplier."

"This will mean that customers who might have been without water for a short time should still continue to receive their water supply. We've worked closely with South Staffs Water to carry out this important improvement. Since work was finished in December we've been testing the new pipes and are now delighted to see they're working."

"This was a very ambi-

by Charlotte Lilley

tious project and is the first time that we've been able to move water from a South Staffs Water reservoir to a Severn Trent one. Working together means that all of our customers can benefit from a more reliable water supply in the future."

Keith Marshall, South Staffs Water's deputy managing director, said: "We are delighted with the outcome."

Some roadworks were in place around Streetly while the work was carried out, with George Frederick Road closed, and Mr Tuck of Severn Trent praised everyone for their understanding.

"We'd like to say a big thank you to the local community for their patience while the work was being carried out, especially as one of the roads in the area had to be closed for a short while."

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Focus on Bloxwich

Skate park bid speeds to a finish

A CAMPAIGN led by a Bloxwich businesswoman for an indoor skate park is gathering pace.

Organisers say they have secured sponsors and identified a site in Walsall town centre.

New company Ridaz Paradise had been aiming to raise £60,000 to create the new facility but is now looking to create a bigger skate park at a cost of £180,000.

Company director Julie Taylor, of Lichfield Road, Bloxwich, claimed there was a need for an indoor facility in the borough and events organised to raise awareness for the campaign have been supported by hundreds of youngsters in the past.

More than 200 young BMX riders and skateboarders turned out to an event at Leamore Skate Park last year and another event at the park took place last Friday.

Mrs Taylor's 21-year-old son Ryan became a professional BMX rider after being recognised at the age of 13. He also gave thousands of pounds of his own money towards the scheme to get it off the ground.

Mrs Taylor said an undisclosed premises had been identified for the skate park and hopes a deal can be struck later this year.

BLOXWICH councillors have again been at the forefront of a campaign to improve safety on a street where a 13-year-old schoolgirl died in a horror smash.

Walsall councillors were involved in a debate at a meeting of the full council after a petition collected more than 1,500 signatures calling for changes at the junction where the tragedy happened on February 24.

by Adam Burling

Natasha Whale was pronounced dead at the scene after her mother's car and an Adams Tours coach carrying schoolchildren crashed at the junction on Valley Road and Ryle Street in Blakenall, Walsall.

The council says £10,000 has been allocated to improve the junction pending the outcome of a police investigation.

Immediate

Walsall Council leader Mike Bird told the meeting it was important to wait for the results of the investigation before taking any action.

But Bloxwich East Councillor Kath Phillips, who submitted the petition, said the community was demanding immediate action. She said: "I do not believe it is necessary to have to wait for a police report or coroner's report before making improvements."

"Should this be the case and another accident hap-

pens Walsall Council should hang its head in shame."

Following the tragedy, families in the area complained that no action had been taken on the back of their previous calls for safety measures at junctions across the Blakenall Heath estate.

A petition was received in 2008 calling for speed restrictions in Valley Road and last September a bus ploughed into the garden of a property.

Natasha, a Walsall Academy pupil, had been a rear seat passenger when the car driven by her mother Shelley and school coach collided. Mrs Whale, aged 45, remains in a critical but stable condition in hospital.

Natasha's brother Calum, aged 17, who was also in the car, has since been discharged.

The coach driver and seven passengers heading to Sheffield Academy in Pelsall were unhurt.



Marking their diamond wedding anniversary, Stan and Margaret Reynolds from Bloxwich

Couple had love at first bite in cafe

SHE caught his eye in a cafe and he plucked up the courage to go over and say hello.

Bloxwich couple Stan and Margaret Reynolds have been celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary.

Mrs Reynolds said: "We were both in the cafe in Caldmore with friends. We'd never met each other before."

"Stan came over to talk to me and we just hit it off. I don't know what attracted him to me. He must have liked the look of me. After that we courted."

A few months after meeting, Mr Reynolds went into the RAF and he was stationed in Norfolk for four years. He would visit home every month and see his wife-to-be.

On April 10, 1954 - 12 months before Mr Reynolds left the RAF - the pair got married at St Gabriel Church in Delves, Walsall. Mrs Reynolds was 19 while Mr Reynolds was 21.

Road ban reduced to help father

A FORKLIFT truck driver who caused a horror road smash that killed a workmate has had his driving ban cut by judges to help him get work and support his family.

Sharaf Ebrahimi, aged 38, caused the crash in which 27-year-old father-of-three Colin Stevenson died at the junction of Cresswell Crescent and Broad Lane, in Bloxwich, in October 2012.

Mr Stevenson, aged 27, suffered brain injuries from which he died seven days later. Both men worked at the Staffordshire base of parcel company APC.

Ebrahimi admitted causing death by careless driving and was given a suspended sentence and seven-year driving ban at Wolverhampton Crown Court in January. But this was cut to four years by top judges, who said it would help Ebrahimi, of Darlaston Road, Pleck, to support his family.

Opticians to open in town

AN opticians will open a new branch creating eight jobs. Specsavers is opening in Bloxwich High Street on May 5 in a former hardware store.

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Posting a big success story after relocation

A POST office which moved into a new home last month is already being 'inundated' with customers and support from the community, according to local councillors.

Moxley Post Office moved from Roberts Close to Kendrick News, in Kendrick Road, last month as part of the major modernisation programme across the Post Office network.

It aims to make it easier for customers to do business, through longer opening hours and modern open plan environments. The move allowed the post office to extend its opening hours and allow access to services seven days a week.

Darlaston South Councillor Paul Bott has welcomed the fact that a post office has been retained in the community.

He said: "The residents had been concerned they would lose the post office when it closed in Roberts Close.

"The community are very supportive that the post office has been retained in Moxley and is now at Kendrick News. It's a community asset."

Darlaston South Councillor Chris Bott added: "The post office in its new location has been inundated with customers. It's a big thank you to the owner of the shop and the community who have supported it.

"The next project will be trying to get a post box outside the shop."

There has been a shake-up in postal services in the area which included a fight to keep the pillar box in Roberts Close, Moxley, in use.

Campaigners were celebrating last week after Royal Mail bowed to public pressure and reopened their post box.

Residents were left scratching their heads after the pillar box was taped up, even writing to the Queen



Seen at the front are Paul and Chris Bott with postmistress Min Dhadli to complain. Royal Mail spokesperson Val Bodden said they had listened to local residents. Under the current parliament the Government has committed £1.34 billion for the post office network to make sure there is no programme of post office closures and to update branches. In November, the Government announced a further £640 million investment in the post office network from 2015 to 2018. Nationwide the investment programme will see up to 8,000 branches modernised with additional investment in more than 3,000 community and outreach branches.

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Woman hurt as car ends up in kitchen

A WOMAN was taken to hospital after her husband drove his car into the kitchen.

The driver, believed to be in his 80s, had been parking the vehicle in his garage at his home in Russett Close, Walsall, when he accidentally accelerated and crashed into the wall.

Firefighters from Walsall and Blox-

wich attended the scene along with paramedics at around 1.30pm last Wednesday.

The man was checked over at the scene but received no injuries, while his wife was taken to hospital to be treated for shock.

One resident said: "I went inside the house and I saw that all the kitchen units had been twisted out of shape.

"It's a shame because it looked like such a lovely kitchen but now it has been completely damaged.

"The wall will have to be rebuilt I would imagine but it could have been a lot worse so thankfully neither of them were injured.

"I'm not sure what happened it seems as if his foot may have just slipped off the pedal."

Star Ben Happy to carry on with musical theatre

FORMER Emmerdale star Ben Freeman insists he has left the soap world behind him in favour of the theatre – but refused to rule out a return to TV.

The 34-year-old played womanising mechanic Scott Windsor in the ITV soap for nine years before he was axed in 2007.

Speaking at a promotional event for the new musical Happy Days which is currently playing to packed houses at the Birmingham Hippodrome, Freeman said he was happy to consign his soap role to the annals of history.

"Being in Emmerdale for such a long period of time transformed me as an actor and completely changed my life.

"It is a cosy existence. I was treated like royalty a lot of the time.

"You feel secure in your job but at the same time it was so easy to forget how hard it can be when you are out of work.

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"Of course, when it all came to an end it was a rapid descent for me.

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Margot inspires dance for charity



Margot Martini, who after her successful bone marrow transplant is now a figurehead for a blood cancer charity

A CHARITY disco inspired by little Margot Martini will be held in the summer. Dance 4 Margot and Friends will take place at the Slade Rooms in Wolverhampton on June 21.

It is being held to raise funds and awareness of Deleto Blood Cancer UK in a bid to help find donors for other children who need transplants.

Margot was diagnosed with a rare form of leukaemia aged just 14 months, sparking a heartfelt plea by her family to find a suitable donor. In February a match was found and Margot underwent a successful bone marrow transplant at London's Great Ormond Street Hospital. She is currently at home with her family following a successful bone marrow transplant.

Just last week, she left hospital to recuperate at home with her father Yaser, mother Vicki, originally from Essington, and brothers Oscar and Rufus. The event will take place from 7pm to 12am at the venue in Broad Street. Tickets cost £7 and include a free Team Margot wrist band. The event will feature a charity disco, sweet buffet, photo booth and charity raffle. People who attend the event will be able to register with Deleto Blood Cancer UK to sign up as possible donors. For tickets, call 0870 320 7000.

Discarded cigarette started off fire at flat

A WOMAN died after suffering severe burns during a house fire in Walsall caused by a discarded cigarette, an inquest heard.

Firefighters were called to a maisonette in Myatt Way, Aldridge, on December 2 last year to reports of a bedroom fire. When they arrived at around 3pm they found Janice Bradbury had suffered serious burns during the blaze.

The 57-year-old was taken by ambulance to Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth hospital but she died a day later on December 3.

A statement from James Holder, fire investigation officer for West Midlands Fire service was read aloud at the inquest at Smethwick Council House, he said: "Following an investigation of the fire we came to the conclusion that it had been caused by an ignition of bedding started by carelessly discarded smoking materials."

"Due to her immobility she was unable to leave the room, which meant she was left to rely on neighbours to help her." He asked the coroner to highlight the safety surrounding discarded cigarettes in the home.

by Tom Mason

A post mortem discovered that she had died from multiple organ failure as a result of the burns she received during the fire. A toxicology report also discovered that she had consumed alcohol prior to her death.

Deputy Coroner for the Black Country Angus Smilie said she was suffering from a variety of health conditions including osteoarthritis and stomach ulcers as well as depression and had become reliant on alcohol.

He concluded an accidental cause of death as a result of multiple organ failure following major burns. Her carer Kerry Beddow, aged 25, described the fire as 'a real tragedy.'

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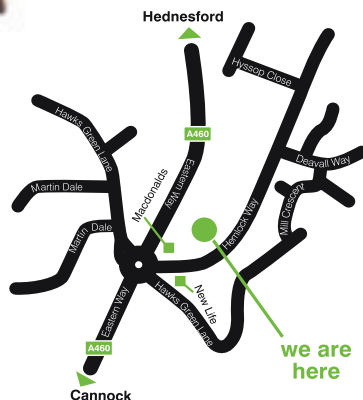
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CHOICE



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Generation War: Our Mothers, Our Fathers (BBC2, 9.30pm)

Usually, if you want a Saturday night fix of subtitled drama, you have to turn to BBC Four. But now BBC Two is getting in on the act as well with this new series, the first foreign language show to premiere on the channel since The Kingdom back in 2001. But it's not just the fact that the characters aren't speaking English that makes Generation War unusual – it's also exploring the Second World War from the perspectives of five German friends. It opens in Berlin, in the summer of 1941, as highly decorated officer Wilhelm prepares to be leave for the eastern front with his bookish younger brother Friedhelm. But it's their Jewish friend Viktor who appears to be facing the most uncertain future.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigellissima. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **12.45** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The afternoon session on day eight at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. **2.00** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Leeds Rhinos v St Helens (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** Final Score. **5.20** Film: Madagascar. (2005) Animated comedy, with the voice of Ben Stiller.

6.40 BBC News: National News; Weather.

7.00 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong hosts as contestants from the world of comedy take part in the game show. They are one-time Goodie Tim Brooke-Taylor, satirist John Bird, former sitcom actors Don Warrington, Ray Burdis and Robert Llewellyn, where another two second-round matches are set to take place, with one of them scheduled to conclude.

7.50 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton presents the quiz in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Only those in the winners' row will have a chance of taking home the loot, so they will need to get all the answers right – as well as a little bit of luck on their side. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws, hosted by Kate Garraway.

8.40 Casualty. Dixie risks her job to take a patient to see his dying mother, while a woman's unusual birthday treat to herself lands her in hospital. Jan Francis and John Bove guest star.

9.30 The Guess List. Harry Judd, Jason Manford, Carol Vorderman, Aled Jones and Kate Humble help contestants answer all sorts of everyday questions.

10.10 BBC News: Weather. **10.30 Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Southampton v Everton at the St Mary's Stadium and Manchester United v Norwich City at Old Trafford. National Lottery Update.

11.50 The Football League Show. Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from today's fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Wigan Athletic v Blackpool.

1.10 Weatherview. **1.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 Film: Caught. (1949) **7.30** Great British Menu. (R) **8.00** Great British Menu. (R) **8.30** Great British Menu. (R) **9.00** Great British Menu. (R) **9.30** Great British Menu. (R) **10.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **12.00** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **12.45** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **1.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **5.30** Mountain Gorilla. (R)

6.30 Flog It! Trade Secrets. Paul Martin and the show's experts offer more advice on making money from antiques and collectibles, with this edition focusing on rare and valuable tools.

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. The third and final session on day eight at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where another two second-round matches are set to take place, with one of them scheduled to conclude.

8.00 Porridge. Career criminal Fletch plans his escape while being escorted to jail by two prison warders. Pilot episode of the classic comedy, starring Ronnie Barker and Fulton Mackay. (R)

8.30 Mozart in Prague: Rolando Villazon on Don Giovanni. The tenor explores the premiere of Mozart's opera of 1787, studying the music and the social setting in which it was first performed, before authentically recreating the finale.

9.30 Generation War: Our Mothers, Our Fathers. New series. German drama following the stories of five friends as their lives take different paths during the Second World War. Volker Bruch and Tom Schilling star.

11.00 The Sarah Milligan Television Programme. Sarah chats to Suzi Perry about F1 coverage, discusses Saturday night entertainment with Bruno Tonioli and talks magazine shows with Matt Baker and Alex Jones. Last in the series. (R)

11.30 Snooker: The World Championship. Jason Mohammad presents highlights of the concluding session on day eight at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where another second-round match was scheduled to reach a climax.

12.20 Snooker: World Championship Extra. **2.20** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dan. **6.10** Dino Dan. (R) **6.25** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.50** Animals. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digmom Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Adventure Time. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Film: Murder, She Wrote: South by Southwest. (1997) **11.10** Dinner Date. (R) **12.15** ITV News: Weather. **12.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **1.20** The Unforgettable Hughie Green. (R) **1.50** Tipping Point. (R) **2.50** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **3.35** A Touch of Frost. (R) **5.35** Regional Programme. **5.45** ITV News: Weather.

6.00 Let Me Entertain You. New series. Michael Underwood showcases viewers' dancing, singing and lip-synching clips alongside entertaining videos from the internet and hidden-camera surprises.

6.30 New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers featuring everything from cute kids and crazy animals to pranks and painful-looking accidents.

7.00 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec present the third audition show, as the judges – Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon – hope to uncover more of the nation's talent.

8.15 Amazing Greys. Young contestants go head to head with old pros, including World Cup-winning England striker Geoff Hurst and golf ace Vivien Saunders. Paddy McGuinness and Angela Rippon host.

9.15 Law & Order: UK. When a series of shootings claims one of their own, Ronnie and Joe must solve the case before the killer reaches the next target – on a hit list that includes Henry Sharpe. (R)

10.15 The Americans. Kate relays orders for Philip to bug the Arpanet – the early version of the internet – to monitor US government communications, while Nina agrees to take the FBI's polygraph test.

11.15 ITV News: Weather. **11.30 Through the Keyhole.** Keith Lemon invites actor Larry Lamb and former Spice Girl Emma Bunton to join Dave Berry on the panel as he noses around the homes of three mystery celebrities. (R)

12.30 Jackpot247. **3.30** Dinner Date: Australia. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 River Cottage Bites. (R) **6.15** Trans World Sport. **7.10** The Grid. **7.40** A Day at the Races. **7.55** The Morning Line. **9.00** Weekend Kitchen. **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** How I Met Your Mother. **11.25** How I Met Your Mother. **11.50** The Simpsons. (R) **12.20** The Simpsons. (R) **12.45** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. (R) **1.45** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Sandown Park, Haydock Park and Ripon. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.15 Come Dine with Me. Merchant Navy officer Fiona Rush hosts the final dinner party in Belfast, hoping to impress with a nautical theme and fish dishes, before the winner is announced. (R)

6.45 Channel 4 News. **7.15 Grand Designs.** Kevin McCloud meets Tamayo Hussey, who has missed Japan ever since she moved to the UK 14 years ago with her husband, quantum physics professor Nigel. The couple want to transform a 1960s forester's lodge into a unique Japanese house, complete with a tatami room – decorated in her homeland's traditional style – sliding paper walls and a bath on the roof. Keen to keep costs down, they have decided to engage only the design skills – rather than the full services – of an architect, so with no previous building experience they tackle the project alone. (R)

8.15 Film: Avatar. (2009) A paraplegic soldier uses technology that allows him to control a genetically engineered body on a mission to a dangerous jungle world. His assignment is to infiltrate an alien tribe on behalf of a corrupt mining corporation, which wants to drive them from their land. He comes to sympathise with the natives, and helps them fight back against his employers. James Cameron's sci-fi adventure, starring Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana, Sigourney Weaver and Stephen Lang.

11.25 Film: Showgirls. (1995) A stripper sets out to become a star in a Las Vegas show, but reckons without the dubious backstage backstabbing. Adult drama, starring Elizabeth Berkeley and Kyle MacLachlan.

1.50 The Good Wife. (R) **2.35** Desperate Housewives. (R) **3.15** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.25** SuperScrimpers' Challenge. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Gibraltar: Britain in the Sun. (R) **11.00** Benidorm ER. (R) **12.00** Beware! Cowboy Builders Abroad. (R) **1.00** Film: Columbus: Ashes to Ashes. (1998) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and Patrick McGeehan. **2.55** Film: Private Benjamin. (1980) Comedy, starring Goldie Hawn. **5.00** Film: Jesse Stone: Sea Change. (2007) Thriller, starring Tom Selleck.

6.40 Longmire. Walt searches for a missing Native American boy who has been fostered by a white family. **7.30 NCIS.** The team investigates the death of a marine off the coast of Tanzania – a case complicated by the discovery that he had a link to Ziva. Starring Mark Harmon and Cote de Pablo. (R)

8.15 NCIS. The agents investigate the Halloween murder of a marine with a fondness for playing practical jokes. As the evidence accumulates, they begin to suspect he was killed by the exasperated victim of one of his pranks. Drama, starring Mark Harmon, David McCallum, Cote de Pablo, Michael Weatherly and Paulette Perrelet. (R)

9.05 5 News Weekend. **9.15 Britain's Funniest Comedy Characters.** Olivia Colman narrates this countdown of the nation's top 50 TV comic creations, both new and old. Those featured include neurotic hotel owner Basil Fawlty.

disillusioned executive Reginald Perrin, seedy landlord Riggsby, the generation-hopping Blackadder, Ab Fab's Patsy and Eddy, David Brent from The Office, love's young dream duo Gavin & Stacey, crazy joke-shop owner Miranda, the even crazier Keith Lemon, Irish matriarch Mrs Brown and sex-mad virgin Jay from The Inbetweeners. Contributors to the show – some of whom are sure to feature on the list themselves – include Ruth Madeo (Hi-de-Hi!), Warren Mitchell (Alf Garnett), Neil Morrissey (Men Behaving Badly's Tony), Prunella Scales and Andrew Sachs (Fawlty Towers), plus Ann Widdecombe, Barry Cryer, Richard Curtis and Ronni Ancona. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.05** Classic Car Rescue. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.40** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.50** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.30** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three

7.00 Top Gear Vietnam Special **8.15** Film: Toy Story 3 (2010) **9.55** Live at the Apollo **10.40** Russell Howard's Good News **11.10** Family Guy **1.00** Sweet the Small Stuff **1.30** Russell Howard's Good News **2.00** in the Flesh **4.00** Close

BBC Four

7.00 Britain's Natural World: The Unnatural History of London **8.00** Byzantium: A Tale of Three Cities **9.00** Cleopatra: The Film That Changed Hollywood **11.00** The Story of Top of the Pops 1973 **12.00** Top of the Pops: 1979 **12.35** John Denver: Country Boy **1.35** Byzantium: A Tale of Three Cities **2.35** Britain's Natural World: The Unnatural History of London **3.35** Close

ITV2

11.05 Tom Daley Goes Global **12.10** Britain's Got Talent **1.30** Britain's Got More Talent **2.30** Lawsons: The Hot Desk **2.45** Film: Dungeons and Dragons (2000) **5.00** Film: Despicable Me (2010) **7.00** Totally You've Been Framed! **7.45** You've Been Framed! **8.15** Britain's Got More Talent **9.20** You've Been Framed: Family Special **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.50** Crazy Beaches **11.15** Britain's Got Talent **12.35** Britain's Got More Talent **1.35** Fake Reaction **2.10** Dads **2.35** You've Been Framed! **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3

11.40 Agatha Christie's Poirot **12.50** Jane Austen's Emma **3.00** Film: The Railway Children (1970) **5.10** Foyle's War **7.10** Rosemary & Thyme **8.15** Doc Martin **9.15** Martin Clunes: Man to Manta **10.20** Cold Blood **11.55** Film: Carry On Follow That Camel (1967) **1.50** Judge Judy **2.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Rajasthan Royals v Royal Challengers Bangalore and Kolkata Knight Riders v Kings XI Punjab. **8.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights **9.00** Film: The Deer Hunter (1978) **12.45** River Monsters **1.50** Benidorm **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **5.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.00 The Big Bang Theory **1.00** How I Met Your Mother **2.00** Film: Hop (2011) **4.00** Made in Chelsea **5.00** Rude(s)h Tube **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** The Tomorrow People **9.00** Film: The A-Team (2010) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory **12.25** Party House **1.30** 2 Broke Girls **2.00** The Cleveland Show **3.10** Youngers **4.40** Made in Chelsea **4.55** Ugly Betty

Film4

11.00 The Truth About Spring (1964) **1.00** Cocoon (1985) **3.20** The Longest Day (1962) **6.50** The Golden Compass (2007) **9.00** Planes, Trains and Automobiles (1987) **10.45** Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (2009) **12.30** Confessions (2010) **2.40** A Useful Life (2010) **4.00** Close

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Brenda Blethyn

Vera (ITV, 8pm)
Not only did author Ann Cleeves create the books and characters on which the acclaimed Shetland is based, she's also the brains behind DCI Vera Stanhope, who's back for a new series. DS Ashworth's daughter witnesses the murder of pensioner Margaret Kraszewski on a busy Newcastle train at the height of rush hour. As a result, he's keener than ever to help Vera apprehend the killer, and the trail leads them to the B&B Margaret shared with a woman and her teenage children. Further investigation suggests she knew her killer, and that her death was tied to secrets from her past. Brenda Blethyn, David Leon, Jon Morrison, Clare Calbraith, Sonya Cassidy, Eva Birthistle, Alistair Petrie and Paul Copley star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15** Perfection. (R) **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** World Planet. (R) **4.45** Points of View. **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.45** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **6.35** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **7.00** **Countryfile**. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison are in the Yorkshire Dales, helping small magazine The Dalesman celebrating its 75th anniversary by naming the top 75 icons of the county. Their journey takes in a visit to Bolton Abbey, a meeting with the ladies of Harrogate's Cappuccino Cycling Club – who are being photographed in their undies for charity – a brass band and a coastline search for the semi-precious stone, Whitby jet. Adam Henson meets the three finalists in this year's Outstanding Farmer of the Year award and Tom Harper investigates the claim that the current crisis over abandoned horses could be partially solved by eating the animals' meat. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. **8.00** **Antiques Roadshow**. Fiona Bruce and the team visit Gregynog Hall, near Newtown in Powys, where items include secret plans drawn up by a British POW and an artistic tribute to race-riot victims. **9.00** **The Crimson Field**. Joan's spirits are lifted by the arrival of 13 soldiers who have avoided death by sticking together – but one of them holds a secret. Kitty is confronted by a figure from her past. **10.00** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **10.25** **Match of the Day 2**. Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, featuring Sunderland v Cardiff City, Liverpool v Chelsea and Crystal Palace v Manchester City. **11.40** **The White Slums: Reggie Yates' Extreme South Africa**. New series. Reggie Yates travels to South Africa 20 years after the first democratic elections to explore three different communities, beginning with a squatter camp. **12.40** Weatherview. **12.45** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.25** **Film: Cornered**. (1945) **8.05** **Countryfile**. (R) **9.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **12.15** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **1.00** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **1.45** Coast. **2.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The afternoon session on day nine at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. **6.00** **50 Golden Years of Sport on BBC Two**. Sue Barker presents a look back at the history of sport on the channel through some of its most-watched events over the past 50 years. The film examines the birth of programmes including Match of the Day, Ski Sunday and Pot Black and reflects on memorable occasions such as the 1985 world snooker championship final between Dennis Taylor and Steve Davis, and the Ashes series in 1981. Featuring contributions by Gary Lineker, Ian Botham, Tanni Grey-Thompson, Steve Cram, Alan Hansen, Clare Balding, Des Lynam, Murray Walker and Alan Davies. (R) **7.00** **Live Snooker: The World Championship**. Coverage of the concluding session on day nine at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where two second-round matches continue. **8.00** **Natural World: France – The Wild Side**. Paul McGann narrates a look at France's wildlife, revealing wolves, wild boar and bears living in the country's many mountains, valleys and forests. (R) **9.00** **Film: The Artist**. (2011) Premiere. A 1920s movie actor is smitten with a chorus girl he meets by chance, and helps arrange her big break in the film industry. Oscar-winning silent drama, starring Jean Dujardin, Bérénice Bejo and John Goodman. **10.35** **50 XL**. Stephen Fry hosts an extended version of the quiz, featuring Professor Brian Cox, Rhys Darby, Jason Manford and Alan Davies answering questions on the topic of justice. **11.20** **Snooker: The World Championship**. Jason Mohammad presents highlights of the concluding session on day nine at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the second round continued with two more matches. **12.10** Snooker: World Championship Extra. **2.10** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **3.05** Holby City. (R) **4.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dan. **6.10** Dino Dan. (R) **6.25** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.50** Animals. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digimon Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Victorious. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **10.25** **Film: Columbo: Agenda for Murder**. (1990) **12.20** **ITV News: Weather**. **12.30** Big Star's Little Star. (R) **1.30** The Unforgettable Noele Gordon. (R) **2.00** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **3.20** Let Me Entertain You. (R) **3.50** **Film: The Living Daylights**. (1987) James Bond adventure, starring Timothy Dalton. **6.20** **Regional Programme**; Weather. **6.30** **ITV News: Weather**. **6.45** **Catchphrase**. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000. **7.30** **Off Their Rockers**. Seb needs a sponge bath. Rosie loses a rather unusual pet and Tony tries to prove there really is something as a free lunch. **8.00** **Vera**. New series. The crime drama returns with an episode based on Ann Cleeves' recently published novel Harbour Street. Vera investigates the death of a pensioner found stabbed on a train at the height of rush hour. The case has a huge impact on Joe's home life when his daughter is named as a key witness, and he struggles to maintain a professional distance. The trail leads the team to a quiet Northumberland coastal town where clues appear to lead to one particular street – but why are the residents so reluctant to talk? Starring Brenda Blethyn, with David Leon, Sonya Cassidy, Jon Morrison and Eva Birthistle. **10.00** **Perspectives: Gary Kemp – Kick Out the Jams**. The Spandau Ballet star, a keen art collector, explores the work of Damien Hirst, Tracey Emin and the other Young British Artists, who shook up the modern art world 25 years ago. **11.00** **ITV News: Weather**. **11.20** **Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Britt Ekland**. The former Bond girl talks about her career and private life, opening up about her turbulent marriage to Peter Sellers. (R) **12.15** The Store. **2.45** Motorsport UK. **3.35** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **4.25** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 Freesports on 4. **6.45** Freesports on 4. **7.10** British GT. **7.35** How I Met Your Mother. **8.00** How I Met Your Mother. **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Secret Eaters. (R) **1.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.30** The Simpsons. (R) **3.00** The Simpsons. (R) **3.30** Deal or No Deal. **4.30** **Film: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules**. (2011) Premiere. Children's comedy sequel, starring Zachary Gordon. **6.30** **Channel 4 News**. **7.00** **Again Pawa**. A night into the world of high-end pawbroking, going behind the scenes at a Surrey-based firm dealing in luxurious and exclusive objects. In last year's one-off documentary, the asset experts at Prestige Pawbrokers saw everything from a £25,000 designer handbag to a £1million helicopter, and in the first edition of this series, they're amazed by two diamond necklaces owned by very different clients. (R) **8.00** **For the Love of Cars**. Philip Glenister and Ant Anstead scour the nation for a Land Rover Series I, which went into production in 1948 with a run of just 39,000. Tracking down an example that has been sitting in a barn for more than 40 years, renowned car designer Ant tries to restore the unloved vehicle to its former glory. Meanwhile, Philip meets the Landie enthusiasts who gather in woodland to trash their cars in the most basic form of motorsport, plus men who once depended on the Series I for survival in the desert. **9.00** **Fargo**. Sheriff's deputy Molly is involved in the murders, but new boss Bill points her in a different direction. Meanwhile, Malvo investigates the blackmail plot against a man known as the Supermarket King. Black comedy-drama based on the Coen brothers' critically acclaimed film, starring Martin Freeman, Billy Bob Thornton, Allison Tolman and Bob Odenkirk. **10.10** **Film: The Haunting in Connecticut**. (2009) Premiere. Horror, with Virginia Madsen and Kyle Gallner. **12.10** **Film: Sunshine**. (2007) **2.00** The Good Wife. (R) **2.45** The Hotel. (R) **3.40** SuperScrippers' Challenge. (R) **4.40** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R) **4.55** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerpots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.15** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Super Samurai. (R) **10.35** Power Rangers Megaforce. (R) **11.00** Access. **11.05** The Dog Rescuers. (R) **11.35** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **12.35** **Film: The Land Before Time**. (1988) Animated adventure, with the voice of Gabriel Damon. **2.05** **Film: Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey**. (1993) Animal adventure, with the voice of Michael J. Fox. **3.45** **Film: Lilo & Stitch**. (2002) Disney animated sci-fi comedy, with the voice of Daveigh Chase. **5.30** **Film: Freaky Friday**. (2003) Disney comedy remake, starring Jamie Lee Curtis and Lindsay Lohan. **7.10** **5 News**. **7.15** **Film: Rush Hour 2**. (2001) The two mismatched detectives travel to Hong Kong to investigate a bombing at the US embassy, and take on Triad gangsters. Action comedy sequel, with Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker. Edited for violence and language. **9.00** **Film: The Other Guys**. (2010) Premiere. Two desk-bound incompetent cops live in the shadow of their more daring colleagues. However, when the heroes of the station are killed in a bizarre accident, the bumbling duo get the chance to prove their worth as they stumble across a tycoon's illegal activities. Action comedy, starring Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg, Steve Coogan and Eva Mendes. Includes 5 News Update at 10pm. **11.10** **Film: Bad Boys**. (1995) 2 detectives are forced to swap identities as they hunt for a heroin consignment stolen by a drug kingpin. Michael Bay's action thriller, starring Will Smith and Martin Lawrence. Edited for language. **1.20** SuperCasino. **3.05** Britain's Crime Capitals. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.30** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 Don't Tell the Bride **8.00** Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be with You **8.30** **Film: WALL-E** (2008) **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Ja'mie: Private School Girl **12.20** The Call Centre **1.20** Can Criminals Say Sorry? **2.20** Sweat the Small Stuff **2.50** In the Flesh **3.50** Great TV Mistakes **4.00** Close **BBC Four**
7.00 Don Giovanni from the Royal Opera House **10.00** Sting: When the Last Ship Sails **11.20** The Joy of Easy Listening **12.50** The Wonder of Bees with Martha Kearney **1.20** Neil Diamond: Solitary Man **2.20** Neil Diamond: Radio 2 Electric Prom **3.25** Sounds of the 70s 2 Reggae – Str It Up **3.55** Close **ITV2**
12.00 **Film: The Lost World: Jurassic Park** (1997) **2.35** **Film: The Land Before Time**. (1988) Animated adventure, with the voice of Gabriel Damon. **2.05** **Film: Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey**. (1993) Animal adventure, with the voice of Michael J. Fox. **3.45** **Film: Lilo & Stitch**. (2002) Disney animated sci-fi comedy, with the voice of Daveigh Chase. **5.30** **Film: Freaky Friday**. (2003) Disney comedy remake, starring Jamie Lee Curtis and Lindsay Lohan. **7.10** **5 News**. **7.15** **Film: Rush Hour 2**. (2001) The two mismatched detectives travel to Hong Kong to investigate a bombing at the US embassy, and take on Triad gangsters. Action comedy sequel, with Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker. Edited for violence and language. **9.00** **Film: The Other Guys**. (2010) Premiere. Two desk-bound incompetent cops live in the shadow of their more daring colleagues. However, when the heroes of the station are killed in a bizarre accident, the bumbling duo get the chance to prove their worth as they stumble across a tycoon's illegal activities. Action comedy, starring Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg, Steve Coogan and Eva Mendes. Includes 5 News Update at 10pm. **11.10** **Film: Bad Boys**. (1995) 2 detectives are forced to swap identities as they hunt for a heroin consignment stolen by a drug kingpin. Michael Bay's action thriller, starring Will Smith and Martin Lawrence. Edited for language. **1.20** SuperCasino. **3.05** Britain's Crime Capitals. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.30** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

WALSALL PUB CELEBRATES AFTER SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH

The pub in Walsall is experiencing a new lease of life following an extensive joint investment of £235,000. The Archers, which is owned by Punch Taverns and operated by new leaseholders, Barry Price and Nicola Tansell, was closed for six weeks whilst a refurbishment was carried out. The pub reopened on 7th March when Caroline Hyde, the widow of one of the pub's regulars, officially opened the pub. "The launch was packed out and it was great to have Caroline open the pub in honour of one of the pub's best known regulars, Besty, who passed away in August. Our regulars mean a lot to us and as part of the refurbishment, a plaque has been installed in the bar in Besty's honour", licensee Nicola commented. "Since we opened we have been really busy, welcoming some old customers back to the pub and we are also seeing a lot of new faces. Everyone was really impressed with the new look and like the changes we have made".

Brigid Simmons, Chief Executive of the British Beer & Pub Association, who attended the pub's opening said: "The Archers is a wonderful community pub in the heart of a residential area of Walsall.

"At a time when nationally it is difficult to find funds for capital investment in community pubs, this is a great example of partnership with the pub company and I am sure local customers will see the new interior and go 'wow!'"

Licensee Barry is pleased with the pub's new look and said that it was important that the pub kept its local identity within the community: "I can't believe the transformation, the customers have been blown away by the new look and are really pleased that we have kept the traditional feel and authenticity," he said.

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TUESDAY
Goodnight for Justice: Queen of Hearts, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Judge John Goodnight intercedes in a stagecoach robbery and rescues the only surviving passenger. He escorts her to safety by riverboat, gradually learning she is a con-woman who was on her way to prison. His staunch morals are tested as he is tempted to help her escape justice. Western sequel, starring Luke Perry, Katharine Isabelle and Ricky Schroder. (2013)

WEDNESDAY
A Bronx Tale, BBC1, 11.45pm
An honest, hard-working bus driver watches helplessly as his teenage son falls under the spell of a smooth-talking, sharp-suited gangster and is gradually drawn deeper into the criminal underworld. Crime drama, directed by and starring Robert De Niro. (1993)



Withnail & I, Friday, Channel 4, 12.30am

THURSDAY
Stealing Paradise, Channel 5, 3.15pm
An aeronautical engineer is outraged when a colleague steals her ideas for himself and patents them. When he is later found dead, she becomes the prime suspect in the police investigation, and must find a way to clear her name. Thriller, starring Rachael Leigh Cook. (2011)

FRIDAY
My Family's Secret, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A man attempts suicide, leaving a cryptic note claiming he may have caused his sister's death. His wife goes back to his home town in search of answers and asks his brother for help. She does not realise her brother-in-law has a split personality, and digging up the past brings out his more dangerous aspects. Thriller, starring Nicholle Tom, Philip Riccio and Dylan Neal. (2010)

Withnail & I, Channel 4, 12.30am
Two hard-drinking unemployed actors sharing a grotty flat in late 1960s London think they can escape their miserable existence by decamping to a cottage in the Lake District. But finding no respite from their problems, the less self-destructive of the pair comes to realise he has to leave his friend behind. Cult black comedy, starring Richard E Grant and Paul McGann. (1987)

Pick of the Week

Vera tries to keep her new case on track

Ann Cleeves must be feeling pretty pleased with the way her career is going at the moment.

The 60-year-old author's novels continue to sell well and the TV series *Shetland*, which is based on her books about DI Jimmy Perez, has just ended an acclaimed run on BBC1.

There's hardly been time to draw breath between that and the start of *Vera's* fourth series.

DCI Vera Stanhope, played so convincingly by Brenda Blethyn, was also created by Cleeves, and the first three sets of cases have proved popular with ITV viewers – and with the actress who plays her.

Blethyn has a variety of acclaimed roles to her name, including an Oscar nomination for playing an overbearing mother in *Little Voice*, but *Vera* is her longest acting commitment to date.

"I'll continue to play *Vera* as long as the audience wants to see her, as I absolutely love the character," says the actress. "I was first attracted to the role because the drama focuses on the crime rather than her personal life, and *Vera's* not your usual run-of-the-mill detective. She doesn't come with any baggage; she's not hampered by romance. If you passed her in the street you wouldn't dream she was a detective."

"The success of *Vera* is down to a team effort. It sounds a cliché to say it, but every single person in the cast and crew plays a vital role in the show's success. The international success of the previous three series is very gratifying and of course it's great to receive such positive feedback from fans."

In January, Cleeves' latest book featuring DCI Stanhope, *Harbour Street*, was published. It also forms the basis of the first case to be tackled by the character in this fourth run.

DS Ashworth's daughter witnesses the murder of pensioner Margaret Kraszewski on a busy Newcastle train at the height of rush hour.

As a result, he's keener than ever to help *Vera* apprehend the killer, particularly as he feels partly to blame for his daughter being on the train in the first place.

"Joe's daughter *Jessie* is under a lot of pressure to recall the events that took place, which is obviously very distressing for one so young, and which creates tension between *Joe* and *Celine*. Had *Joe* followed his wife's advice and paid for a taxi home, their daughter would have been spared the anguish."

The investigation eventually leads *Vera* and *Joe* to the B&B Margaret shared with a woman and her teenage children. Further investigation suggests she knew her killer, and that her death was tied to secrets from her past.

Once this case is wrapped up, there are three more for the duo to get their teeth into – what can we expect from those?

"Viewers will meet *Marcus Summer* (Kingsley Ben-Adir), our new pathologist, who is joining the team following *Billy's* departure," explains Blethyn. "He's a pretty smart cookie and quickly gets the measure of *Vera*!"

"And as always we have some stunning landscapes featured across the four films."



David Leon and Brenda Blethyn star in *Vera*, Sunday, ITV, 8pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY
Britain's Most Extreme Weather, Channel 4, 8pm
It's been a mild winter, but Britain has been battered by terrible storms and gale force winds, not to mention a tidal surge. Flooding has wrecked the homes of thousands living across the country – and if extreme weather continues through the summer, we may end up with a drought. But why have we been facing such unusual conditions? In this four-part series, weatherman Alex Beresford attempts to find out. He also travels through the archives to find out if we're now facing the worst weather our shores have ever faced – and if things are getting worse. The first programme focuses on floods, and it seems that compared to the aftermath of the Great Storm of 1703, in 2014 we've got away with things lightly.

TUESDAY
Happy Valley, BBC1, 9pm
Writer Sally Wainwright and actress Sarah Lancashire must have formed a solid friendship after the incredibly successful *Last Tango in Halifax* – they've reteamed for this crime thriller, which incidentally is filmed not too far away from that romantic drama, in Calderdale, West Yorkshire. But while the backdrop of the rolling hills and sleepy villages may seem picturesque, there's enough crime going down to keep the local bobbies busy. Catherine Cawood (Lancashire) is the sergeant on duty when flustered accountant Kevin Weatherill (Steve Pemberton) stumbles into the station to report a crime – a crime that was his own doing.

WEDNESDAY
Secret Eaters, Channel 4, 8pm
Having been together for four years, Allan and Emma are in that 'comfortable' stage – so much so that they have no idea why they seem to be putting on so much weight. But the surveillance cameras reveal something we can all be guilty of – super-sized portions at meal times. Not to worry – Anna Richardson is on hand with some no-nonsense advice and a plan of action to ensure the couple change their lifestyles and begin to notice the changes by the belt notch. Meanwhile, psychologist Dr Christy Ferguson sets up an experiment in a Manchester office to see if pre-ordering your lunch means you're more likely to make healthier choices than choosing on impulse.

Derek, Channel 4, 10pm
Brace yourselves for *Kev* as you've never seen him before – or at least, doing something you never expected. Since we first met him in the first series, he's been a layabout who's preferred to spend his days downing cans of lager rather than actually doing anything constructive. But *Kev* seems set to change his ways when he discovers there are jobs available at Broadhill – seeing as he spends most of his time hanging out at the place, he may as well get paid for it, right? But cleaning up his act won't be easy... Meanwhile, Hannah worries about Vicky's new relationship and *Derek* is stirred up by a new acquaintance.



THURSDAY
Posh Pawn, Channel 4, 8pm
Millions of us telly addicts love spotting a bargain without leaving the comfort of our sofas, whether it's the whimsical charm of homegrown hit *Bargain Hunt*, or the high-octane, trailer trash world of Stateside smash *Storage Hunters*.

Prey, Monday, ITV, 9pm
We have high hopes for this new, three-part thriller, which stars John Simm. In some respects it sounds a little bit like *The Fugitive* – Simm plays a well-liked bloke who is framed for a crime he didn't commit, escapes from the authorities and sets out to clear his name. Simm plays DC Marcus Farrow, a likeable copper with two sons who is found at the scene of a brutal crime. When all the evidence points at him being the culprit, he's arrested and charged, but makes a bid for freedom. Suddenly he's on the run on the streets he used to police, trying to evade recapture by his colleague, DS Susan Reinhardt, while also attempting to clear his name.

FRIDAY
The Beatles: The Night That Changed America – A Grammy Salute, ITV, 10.35pm
Entertainment special commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Fab Four's ground-breaking first appearance on *The Ed Sullivan Show* and celebrating their legacy. Songs performed on that momentous evening in 1964, as well as Beatles hits through the years, are covered here by some of the biggest names in music, including Maroon 5, Katy Perry, Ed Sheeran, Stevie Wonder, Alicia Keys and John Legend, and Eurythmics – reuniting for one night only. Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr team up for *Hey Jude* and *With a Little Help from My Friends*.

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. It may get broken - put it down! (6)
4. Don't contract for a feast (6)
9. He should know how to get people to make outstanding contributions (4-9)
10. Contacts by telephone and makes men join the army (5,2)
11. In the advertisement anger is ventilated (5)
- 12 & 6 Dn. What the stage electrician provides? (5,13)
14. About to bet on a kind of race (5)
18. Ice may accompany rich food (5)
19. To inflame the feelings in what is reasonable, we hear (7)
21. The state of the team who receive no vocal encouragement? (13)
22. Give evidence that a teetotaler is attached to a different set (6)
23. Are those off this track defeated? (6)

Down

1. Don't increase the weight - cut the price (6)
2. Comrade-in-arms (2-11)
3. Competitions for those with common characteristics? (5)
5. Before the deceased archbishop (7)
6. See 12 Across
7. Being out of order, I deliberately adopt a mocking attitude (6)
8. Makes uncertain progress causing mistakes (5)
13. Funny sounding part associated with a member (7)
15. Sensitive plant raised in Jamaica carefully! (6)
16. Bad habits they won't let go (5)
17. Logically think out the cause (6)
20. Social distinction is rejected, we hear (5)

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Quick Clues:

Across

1. Retiring (6)
4. Firm (6)
9. Mixed (13)
10. Loiters (7)
11. Anaesthetic (5)
12. Cleave (5)
14. Employers (5)
18. Denude (5)
19. Dispossess (7)
21. Amusement (13)
22. Abandon (6)
23. Pure (6)

Down

1. Mutter (6)
2. Crumbles (13)
3. Riddle (5)
5. Offers (7)
6. Comradeship (13)
7. Make certain (6)
8. Near (5)
13. Sovereign (7)
15. Climb (6)
16. Perfect (5)
17. Pay bill (6)
20. Nip (5)

Sudoku

27

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Stout-hearted; 7 Groom; 8 Credo; 9 Oar; 10 Fishpaste; 11 Radish; 12 Ced-ing; 15 President; 17 Amp; 18 Extra; 19 Issue; 21 Green fingers. Down: 1 Stenographer; 2 Too; 3 Enmesh; 4 Recipient; 5 Evens; 6 Foreign parts; 7 Gored; 10 Fascinate; 13 Image; 14 Relief; 16 Enter; 20 Sun. QUICK - Across: 1 Pettifoggery; 7 Greet; 8 Tramp; 9 Ere; 10 Protector; 11 Unsure; 12 Finish; 15 Suffering; 17 Ban; 18 Twine; 19 Curve; 21 Unseasonable. Down: 1 Prerequisite; 2 Ire; 3 Option; 4 Gathering; 5 React; 6 Apprehensive; 7 Guess; 10 Persevere; 13 Imbue; 14 Discus; 16 Feign; 20 Run.

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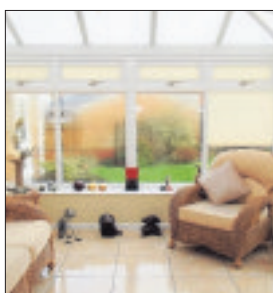
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- No Chain
- Through Lounge/ Dining Room
- Large Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
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THORNE ROAD, WILLENHALL
Three Bed End Of Terrace Comprising Of Porch, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor W.C., Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, C/Heating, D/ Glazing, Off Road Parking And A Generous Rear Garden. Recently Refurbished Including New Carpets
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Three/Four Bed Semi Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen Diner, Converted Garage, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Off Road Parking And Rear Garden. Viewing Recommended!
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Three Bedroom Mid Terrace House Having Lounge, Dining Room Fitted Kitchen, Separate Utility Area, Three Bedrooms, Fitted Shower Room, Separate W.C., D/ Glazing, C/Heating, Off Road Parking And Rear Garden.
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Extended Two Bed Semi Having Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Loft Storage Room, Family Bathroom C/ Heating, UPVC D/Glazing, Detached Garage, Block Paved Driveway.
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UPLANDS RD, PORTOBELLO
Extended Two Bedroom Family Bungalow Having Entrance Porch, Inner Hallway, Feature 26ft Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Area, Two Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom With Shower, Garage, C/Heating, UPVC D/Glazing.
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WOODSIDE WAY, SHORT HEATH
Well Presented Extended Two Bedroom Semi Detached Property Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen Diner, Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom And Detached Garage, Part D/Glazing & C/Heating, Must View!
£131,995



SQUIRES GR, NEW INVENTION
Modern Three Bed End Town House Comprising Of Entrance Hallway, Ground Floor W.C., Fitted Kitchen, Spacious Lounge, Two Double Bedrooms Both With En-Suite, D/ Glazing, C/Heating And Separate Garage.
£132,995



UPLANDS AVENUE, WILLENHALL
Two Three Bed Detached Bungalow Comprising Of Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Basement/ Hobby Room, Cellar, C/Heating, D/ Glazing, Detached Garage, Enclosed Rear Garden. Must View.
£139,995



WILLOW GROVE, WILLENHALL
Three Storey Three Bed Town House Having Entrance Porch, Hallway, Ground Floor W.C., Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms To The First Floor, Family Bathroom, Master To The Second Floor With En-Suite, & Garage.
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ENSBURY CLOSE, WILLENHALL
Three Bed Link Detached Property Located In A Quiet Cul-De-Sac Comprising Of Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor W.C., Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, C/ Heating, D/Glazing, Garage, Enclosed Garden, Driveway.
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REDWOOD WAY, COPPICE FARM
Three Bed Link Detached Property Having Entrance Hall, Lounge, Spacious Fitted Kitchen Diner, Separate Utility Room, Family Bathroom With Shower, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Integral Garage, Driveway.
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ABERFORD CL, WILLENHALL
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Well Presented Four Bed Semi Detached Property Having Lounge, Stylish Breakfast Kitchen, "P" Shaped Conservatory, Three Bedrooms To The First Floor, Bathroom With Separate Steam Shower, Bedroom Four To The Second Floor, D/ Glazing, C/Heating & Driveway.
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Three Bed Detached Having Lounge, Separate Dining Room With UPVC Double Glazed French Doors, Fitted Kitchen, Master Bedroom With Fitted Wardrobes, Two Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/ Glazing, C/Heating, Garage And Block Paved Driveway.
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BIRCHTREE HOLLOW, WILLENHALL
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£169,995



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Two Bed Maisonette Comprising Of Entrance Porch, Inner Hallway, Modern Fitted Breakfast Kitchen, Spacious Lounge Diner, Two Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/ Glazing, Electric Heating, Secure Fenced Communal Area To The Rear, Great FTB Or BTU Investment.
£62,995



WEBSTER ROAD, WILLENHALL
Three Bed End Of Terrace Property Situated On A Generous Corner Plot Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Ground Floor W.C., Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Detached Garage And Enclosed Garden. Ideal FTB Or BTU.
£89,500



STROUD AVENUE, WILLENHALL
Two Bed Mid Town House Property Comprising Of Entrance Hallway, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor W.C., Lounge With Open Plan Staircase, Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Rear Parking For Two Vehicles, Ideal FTB Or BTU. No upward chain.
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PARKS CRESCENT, ESSINGTON
Immaculate Three Bed Semi Having Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Modern Kitchen Diner, Two Double Bedrooms, Stylish Refitted Family Bathroom, UPVC D/ Glazing, C/Heating, Enclosed Rear Garden And Off Road Parking.
£129,995



OVERDALE DR, WILLENHALL
Immaculate Three Bed Semi Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Modern Kitchen/Diner, Family Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating, Detached Garage, Carport And Driveway. MUST VIEW.
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- Bathroom
- Gardens • Garage
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**Field Road
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- Three Bed Semi-Detached
- Dining Room
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Utility
- Downstairs W.C.
- Master with en-suite
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

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**Pattenham Close
WILLENHALL**

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Gardens
- Master Bedroom
- En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Parking

In the Region of £149,950



**Redwood Way
WALSALL**

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- New Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- New Garage
- Off Road Parking

In the Region of £129,995



**Arrow Road
BLOXWICH**

- Extended Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Kitchen/Diner
- Shower Room
- Extended Lounge
- Off Road Parking
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

In the Region of £129,950



**Cartbridge Lane
WALSALL**

- Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom W.C.
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazing
- Gas Heating

In the Region of £127,995



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Chatsworth Close

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom
- Detached Garage
- Off Road Parking

In the Region of £115,000



**Beeches Road
BLOXWICH**

- Two Bedroom Semi Detached
- Lounge • Kitchen/Diner
- Utility • Family Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Large Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Corner Plot with room to extend

Offers in Excess of £95,000



**Valley Road
BLOXWICH**

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Down Stairs W.C.
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
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- Double Glazing
- Electric Heating

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**Wolverhampton Road
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- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Lean To
- Double Glazing

In the Region of £90,000



**Star Close
BENTLEY**

- Two Bedroom End-Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing

In the Region of £87,500



**Blakenall Lane
BLOXWICH**

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Downstairs W.C.
- Shower Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

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- Double Glazing

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- En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Detached Garage

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 - Lounge
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 - Master Bedroom
 - En-Suite
 - Family Bathroom

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**Lichfield Road
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- Extended Three Bedroom Detached
- Extended Kitchen
- Two Reception Rooms
- Utility • Guest W.C.
- Family Bathroom
- Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazing

Offers in Excess of £200,000



**Field road
BLOXWICH**

- Four Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Fully Re-Furnished
- Two Reception Rooms
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Utility Room/WC
- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden

In the Region of £194,000



**Broadway
WALSALL**

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Gardens • Parking
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

In the Region of £190,000



**Green Rock Lane
BLOXWICH**

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen with Large Pantry • Verandah
- Newly Fitted Bathroom • Guest W.C.
- Large Detached Garage

In the Region of £165,000



**Simmonds Road
BLOXWICH**

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Fully Refurbished
- Lounge
- Newly Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Utility
- Conservatory
- Bathroom with shower
- Gardens
- Garage & Driveway

Offers in Excess of £142,000



**The Hayes
WILLENHALL**

- Two Bed Semi-Detached Bungalow
- Large Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- Front Driveway with Off Road Parking

In the Region of £135,000



**Oakridge Close
WILLENHALL**

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Cul-de-Sac location
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

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**Amberwood Close
WALSALL**

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge • Kitchen
- Utility • Bathroom
- Front & Rear
- Gardens
- Carport & Driveway
- Double Glazing
- Gas Heating

In the Region of £132,500



**Lane Avenue
WALSALL**

- Extended Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Re-Furnished
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom W.C
- En-Suite Shower
- Bathroom
- Rear Gardens

In the Region of £130,000



**Coltham Road
WILLENHALL**

- Three Bedroom End-Terrace
- Large Lounge
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Allocated Off Road Parking

In the Region of £130,000



**Lichfield Road
WILLENHALL**

- Two Bedroom End-Terrace
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Room
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

In the Region of £114,995



WALSALL

- Cope Street**
- Three Bedroom End-Terrace
 - Two Reception Rooms
 - Fitted Kitchen
 - Family Bathroom
 - Rear Garden
 - Double Glazing
 - Gas Central Heating

Offers in Excess of £80,000



**Red Brook Road
WALSALL**

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Situated in a quiet Cul-de-Sac
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Family Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

In the Region of £110,000



**Dryden Road
WALSALL**

- Extended Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Extended Kitchen/Diner
- Ground Floor
- Bathroom
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating

In the Region of £105,000



**Tintern Crescent
BLOXWICH**

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Kitchen
- Family Shower Room
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

In the Region of £97,000



**Water Reed Grove
BLOXWICH**

- Two Bedroom Third Floor Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Communal Grounds
- Allocated Parking
- Double Glazing
- Electric Heating

In the Region of £84,950



**Terret Close
WALSALL**

- One Bedroom Top Floor Apartment
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Double Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Allocated Gated Parking
- Double Glazing
- Electric Heating

In the Region of £79,950



**Kent Street
WALSALL**

- Two Bedroom End-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Verandah

Offers in Excess of £70,000



**Clarkes Lane
WILLENHALL**

- Two Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Family Bathroom
- Communal Grounds
- Double Glazing
- Gas Heating

£70,000



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Drivetime

ADAM a new take on sector

By David Banner

The ADAM is Vauxhall's refreshingly different take on the small-car sector.

It doesn't replace the brand's conventional citycar and supermini offerings but it does offer a more stylish option for buyers bored by the sight of BMW's reinvented MINI on every drive and unmoved by Fiat's funky 500. Here's a fashionable alternative with an encyclopaedic list of options.

The ADAM is available in three trim levels – Jam, Glam and Slam. Here, we focus on the ADAM Jam, which offers a fresh and bold modern look. It comes in two-tone design style both inside and out, and an expressive palette of colours are available which will grab and keep people's attention.

No fewer than 12 body colours means you can create a cool two-tone look with three optional roof packs.

Inside, you also have a choice of colour schemes and both are eye-catching. Vauxhall has thought of everything as far as style goes as even your ADAM's key matches your exterior choice.

The ADAM Jam Extreme takes you to the next level. Here you're provided with a coloured roof, front logo bar and stunning 17in Hurricane alloy wheels.

There's a vast amount of choice with ADAM Jam trim with prices starting from £11,805.

There's a lot of promise about the Vauxhall Mokka too. It looks good, it's well equipped and it offers buyers a number of well-thought-out options. The design is handsome, and it looks to be one of those car shapes which will age very well while more radical competitors date rapidly.

Top-of-the-range Exclusiv trim level



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brings even more colour, style and luxury to the Mokka, which has clearly been designed for the urban environment, but that's not to say the ability to be driven off-road has been totally neglected. To this end, Vauxhall wisely offers both front and four-wheel drive chassis options, with the all-wheel drive mechanicals being fully adaptive.

Exclusiv specification includes a multitude of standard features. Air conditioning and dual-zone climate control, DMB digital radio with CD/MP3 with aux-in socket and USB connection and iPod control along with Bluetooth functionality are all included within the Exclusiv package.

In addition to all this, you'll find the Mokka Exclusiv with steering wheel-mounted

audio controls, cruise control, silver-effect roof rails, rain-sensitive windscreen wipers, electrically-adjustable heated door mirrors, front and rear electric windows, front fog lights, front and rear parking sensors, a leather covered steering wheel, stainless steel exhaust tailpipe and highly attractive sterling silver-effect 18in alloy wheels.

That's a pretty comprehensive tally and the list of standard safety features is just as generous with traction control, decent control system, switchable electronic stability programme, hill start assist, anti-lock braking system and a full complement of airbags to protect all the Mokka's occupants.

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Make most of summer with Audi's top down experience

By David Banner

Longer spring days have just been complemented by the potential for lengthier spells of top-down driving between fuel stops in the new Audi A3 Cabriolet, which this week adopts a 1.6-litre TDI engine capable of over 72mpg.

Drivers who value tenacity in corners and increased capability in adverse weather as highly as economy can also now opt for new quattro all-wheel-drive versions of the 180PS A3 Cabriolet 1.8 TFSI.

The additions to the originally three-strong A3 Cabriolet range can be ordered now, as can new S tronic twin-clutch-equipped versions of the 1.4 TFSI 140PS Cylinder-on-Demand and 2.0 TDI 150PS versions. All the new variants will reach their first UK customers in the summer.

Positioned as the efficiency champion in the cabriolet line-up, the particularly frugal 1.6 TDI lowers CO2 emissions to just 104g/km and can achieve up to 72.4mpg according to the combined cycle test.

Initially available to order exclusively as a six-speed manual, the A3 Cabriolet 1.6 TDI needs 11.4 seconds to reach 62mph from rest and can continue to a top speed of 124mph.

Peak power from the 110PS four-cylinder unit is available between 3,200-4,000rpm and peak torque matches the similarly efficient 1.4 TFSI with Cylinder on Demand at 250Nm between 1,500-3,000rpm.

Customers can choose the all-new A3 Cabriolet 1.6 TDI with SE, Sport or S line specification options, all of which include features such as the MMI Radio with DAB digital reception and powered retractable colour monitor, preparation for SD card-based satellite navigation.

There is also air conditioning or climate control, light and rain sensors and an automatic fabric hood that will open and closes in less than 18 seconds.

Suspension

Sport models also feature the Audi drive select system which fine-tunes driving characteristics, larger 17-inch alloy wheels, lowered sports suspension and front sports seats, while S line models are fitted with 18-inch alloy wheels, Xenon plus headlights with LED daytime running lights and S line interior and exterior design enhancements.

Sport and S line models also feature a fully automatic acoustic fabric hood which is insulated by three layers of fabric to mute road noise even more effectively.

Sun-seekers who also want to enjoy their A3 Cabriolet at its best in less clement weather can also now opt for a 1.8 TFSI petrol model which offers the added reassurance of quattro all-wheel-drive.

At the heart of the all-wheel drive system is a hydraulically actuated and electronically controlled multi-plate clutch which can send power from the front to the rear axle in just a few milliseconds.

The clutch, which now operates without a pressure reservoir, weighs significantly less than the previous unit.

In the interest of better axle load distribution, it is located at the end of the prop shaft, in front of the rear differential.

Inside it is a package of plates which rotate in an oil bath.

During normal driving, the clutch sends most of the engine's power to the front wheels, but if they start to break traction it can transfer torque in varying degrees to the rear axle almost instantaneously by pressing the sets of plates together under control.

Peak torque increases from 250Nm in the front-wheel-drive version to 280Nm in the quattro, which combined with the optimal traction helps to bring about a slight improvement in the sprint time to 62mph from 7.8 to 7.6 seconds.

Top speed is 145mph, and combined fuel economy stands at 42.8mpg with emissions of 154g/km

The slick-shifting S tronic transmission is also now more widely available for the A3 Cabriolet, extending its reach to the 1.4 TFSI model with Cylinder on Demand technology and to the 150 PS 2.0 TDI.

Carrying a premium of £1,480 over a manual equivalent in each case, S tronic can operate as a conventional automatic, albeit with exceptionally rapid gear shifts, but also allows drivers to shift gear with the central selector lever or with paddles on the steering wheel.

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Kia models get a boost with option of a high-spec VR7 edition

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The Kia Care-3 all-inclusive servicing package provides retail customers inflation-proof servicing costs for the first three services and is available for just £99 on the VR7 range. Care-3 is also fully transferable to subsequent owners.

All VR7 models share the same key specification. This includes interior extras such as air conditioning, leather trimmed steering wheel and gearshift, Bluetooth Connectivity and USB & AUX ports.

A selection of exterior features such as alloy wheels, reversing sensors, electrically-adjustable heated door mirrors and electric front and rear (where applicable) windows are also included.

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The Picanto three-door VR7 1.0 68bhp and Picanto five-door VR7 1.0 84bhp both come with all the ranges standard features. Both Picanto models also come with a host of other safety features such as ABS with Electronic Brake-force Distribution (ESB), Brake-Assist System (BAS), Electronic Stability Control (ESC), Vehicle Stability Management (VSM), six airbags and Hill-start Assist control (HAC).

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS)
ACT 1990
DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE ORDER 2010
(AS AMENDED)
* 14/0454/FL
Mr & Mrs T Singh
FOR: Erection of 1 no. dwelling house, formation of new vehicular access
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AT: 11 ALLINGTON CLOSE, WALSALL, WS5 3DS

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Mr David Hall
FOR: Variation of condition 7 & 10 on PA 13/0936/FL
AT: 206 OLD BIRCHILLS, WALSALL, WS2 8QD

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Mr Jamil Rabbil
FOR: Change of use of ground floor, and shop front alteration at 40
Caldmore Green, in order to extend existing takeaway at 39 Caldmore
Green, and create premises for mixed use as hot food takeaway and cafe,
(Classes A5 and A3)
AT: 40 CALDMORE GREEN, WALSALL, WS1 3RW

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**NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 (2)(A) AND (2)(C) OF APPLICATION FOR
PLANNING PERMISSION ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT**

a) Proposed extraction of clay from approximately 2.0 hectares of land at Redhurst Quarry, adjacent to the existing
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accompanied by an Environmental Statement (Application Number: SS.14/07/608A MW).

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF UPDATED CONDITIONS
PERIODIC REVIEW OF OLD MINERAL PLANNING PERMISSIONS

b) the determination of updated planning conditions to be attached to the planning permission for the development
indicated above (Application Number: SS.14/08/608A MW).

The proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which
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Members of the public may inspect copies of the application(s), the plans, the Environmental Statement and any
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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984-SECTION 14(1)(A) THE M6 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 10, WALSALL) (NORTHBOUND ENTRY SLIP ROAD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2014
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the M6 Motorway, in the Metropolitan Borough of Walsall, to allow sign repair work to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to close the slip road leading to the northbound carriageway of the M6 at Junction 10.

Work will be carried out over one night between 22:00 hours and 06:00 hours and is expected to start on Tuesday 20 May 2014. The Order will come into force on Tuesday 13 May 2014.

Vehicles being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes and vehicles being used in connection with the works or by a traffic officer will be exempt from the closure. A diversion route via M6 Junction 9 will be signed. For further information, please contact Matthew Taylor on 0121 687 2550.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984-SECTION 14(1)(A) THE A5 TRUNK ROAD (BROWNHILLS, STAFFORDSHIRE) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the A5 Trunk Road at Brownhills in the County of Staffordshire, to allow resurfacing works to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to -

1. impose a 30 miles per hour speed limit on the westbound carriageway of the A5 from its junction with White Horse Road/The Parade, to its junction with the A452 Chester Road North roundabout (Rising Sun Island); and
2. close the length of A5 described in 1. above.

The work will be carried out overnight between 18:30 hours and 06:30 hours and is expected to start on Monday 19 May 2014 and continue for approximately three weeks. The speed limit will be in operation for 24 hours during the work period. The Order will come into force on Monday 12 May 2014.

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Storming Pics put on show of force

Rushall 4 Frickley 1
FOLLOWING back to back defeats Rushall Olympic returned to winning ways with a stunning display and a goal which was worthy of any goal of the season contender.

After a quiet opening the home side took the lead nine minutes before the break when Christian Dacres powerfully headed home James Dance's corner. The first opportunity of the second half fell to Gavin Allott, who worked an opening for himself but blazed high and wide and moments later the home side doubled their lead.

Jamie Spencer held the ball up well, on the left, before finding Dacres who hammered a right foot shot into the top corner of the net from 20 yards.

Five minutes later the home side went further in front. Dance broke up an attack, on the edge of his own penalty area, ran 60 yards, to send a slide rule pass into the path of Spencer who calmly side footed in for his first goal for the club. Nine minutes from time Stan Mugisha was sent on as substitute and within seconds scored. He picked the ball up, just inside his own half, beat off four challenges, before firing past Simpson. Five minutes later the visitors pulled a goal back.

Play-offs hope fades for Pics

**Rushall Olympic 1
Trafford 2**
RUSHALL Olympic saw their play-off hopes all but ended when visiting Trafford came back from a goal down to take all three points becoming only the second team to win at Dales Lane all season.

James Dance's free kick was palmed away by visiting goalkeeper Tom Read, and Christian Dacres fired home from close range.

Pics' Josh Craddock shot over after being set up by Dele Adebola.

Four minutes before half time on Tuesday Trafford drew level when Luke Heron took advantage of a mix-up in the home defence.

A minute before half time they were in front when Heron ran through two challenges to set up Shelton Payne to score easily.

In the second half the Pics tried to get back into the game but failed to trouble the keeper. Dacres was sent off for a reckless tackle.

Weary Wood worst show

**Walsall Wood 0
Gornal Athletic 1**
WALSALL Wood gave arguably their worst performance of the season when they lost 1-0 at home to Gornal Athletic last Tuesday.
Shot-shy Wood started brightly but Gornal picked up and stole the game with skipper Craig Stevens' 62nd-minute headed goal after Craig Hancox gave away a silly free kick. An early drive by Wood's Danny Forrest was saved at full stretch by keeper Tom Harper. A chip by Harry Harris beat him but landed on the roof of the net.
Wood looked tired in their 11th game in 25 days.

Wood do the double over Quorn

Walsall Wood 2 Quorn 0
HIGH flying Quorn started the game in third place but in the end were comprehensively beaten by a fast-starting Wood, ahead after just 48 seconds they added a second on 20 minutes and never looked like surrendering the lead to record another double.

Quorn kicked off and their attack broke down, the ball was played over halfway to find Lewis Taylor Boyce wide right, his low cross saw Joey Butlin blocked by a defender, the ball fell to Harry Harris to sweep the ball home.

On five minutes a ball over the top of the visiting defence saw keeper Michael Turner race from his area to hurriedly kick clear from Jamie Hawkins. 15 minutes gone and Craig Hancox won a left wing corner, Wood skipper Lee Stretton glancing a header just

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wide of the far post. A minute later Hancox again got clear his low cross put behind by Sam Young to deny Butlin.
The pressure paid off when on 20 minutes Anthony Juxon hit a high ball to the right that was collected by Taylor Boyce, he released Butlin into the right of the box, the striker calmly slotting the ball home in off the far post.

After 23 minutes a forceful left wing run by Liam Read saw him cut inside and into the box, he went through one tackle and his low drive was half stopped by Stretton but still got through, Raajan Gill saving at the foot of the post.
On 32 minutes it was Liam Turner cutting in from the left before finding Read, his

low drive pushed away by Gill, Stretton was first to react and clear the loose ball.

Wood's reply on 35 minutes saw Juxon win the ball in the centre and find Butlin, his low drive was saved by Turner. Five minutes later Turner raced to the left touchline but lost the ball to Taylor Boyce who fed Jamie Hawkins, his 45-yard effort just wide of the empty net.

Three minutes into the second half the ever dangerous Read collected a ball over the top and raced into the left of the box, Scott Cooper saving Wood with a superbly timed tackle.

With six minutes gone and Read collected a ball on the right of the box, cleverly turned inside his marker and fired wide of the far post. Then Blaize Kerr raced clear wide right, his cross into the middle headed just over the bar by Carl Sibson.

After 66 minutes a 50-yard run down the right by Taylor Boyce saw him win a corner that was easily cleared.

Dan Henton's right wing run and cross to the near post was superbly taken by Gill. Then just seven minutes from full time a ball in from wide left found Read on the penalty spot, he held the ball up cleverly before turning and firing in a low drive that was saved by Gill.

On 85 minutes Butlin raced onto a ball over the top, his low drive pushed away by Turner, the ball arcing to his right for Harris to acrobatically fire wide of the left hand post.

Wood comfortably played down the clock to record the victory.

In the end it was an easy win for Wood who moved into 9th place in the process.

Ngoo and fans singing from the same sheet

Carlisle 1 Walsall 1
SADDLERS fans were singing the striker Michael Ngoo's name on the three hour-plus journey back to the Midlands, after his first goal for the club prevented what looked like another afternoon of frustration.

For much of the game it looked like Dean Smith's

men would slip to defeat despite enjoying plenty of possession – an all too familiar tale this season.
Carlisle led from the 13th minute after Liam Noble's strike from the edge of the box hit the post and then visiting keeper Richard O'Donnell before finding its way into the net.

And the home side's fortunes looked like holding firm during a second period in which the Saddlers could not find a way past opposite number Jordan Pickford, or the woodwork.

But with eight minutes to go, Ngoo nodded home Kieron Morris' corner and the nearly 300 visiting supporters at least had something to cheer as they headed out of Brunton Park to once again do battle with the M6 Good Friday traffic.

Ngoo's delight at breaking his duck was obvious and whatever happens now the 21-year-old can at least take something from a loan move from Liverpool he himself admitted hasn't exactly panned out the way he wanted.

The striker had started the previous two games, but found himself on the bench as James McQuilkin was handed his first Saddlers start.

There was also joy for teenager Morris, having a key hand in the goal on what was his senior professional debut.

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The 19-year-old was joined by Ben George and Amadou Bakayoko, which showed manager Smith is prepared to take a look at some of his young stars over the closing few games.

That's not to say the more established players look like giving up on the season yet. The fear heading into this game was the Saddlers, out of the play-off race, might not match the intensity shown by a home side desperate for points to avoid the drop.

But there was no shortage of commitment from the visitors.

The first half could best be summed up as a tale of contrasting fortunes for the goalkeepers.

O'Donnell had already saved superbly from Noble to keep the game goalless, but there was nothing he could do about the opener.

While the finish might have been a tad lucky, the build-up was decent as Gary Madine brought down a long ball and fed Noble. His curling shot from just outside the box hit the post and might have been cleared had it not struck a diving O'Donnell and deflected into the bottom corner.

With eight minutes to go, Morris swung in a corner and Ngoo's header did the business.

The medal marvels from martial arts club



Plenty of reasons to pleased – the medal-winning members of Walsall Elite Martial Arts

IT'S been a busy time for the Tae Kwon Do instructors and students at Walsall Elite Martial Arts.

A sparring team of 10 entered the English Championships in Worcester, the first TAGB National championships of the year, and each of the students coming away with a medal.

Emily Shaw stole the show fighting her way the final.

She beat the reigning ladies number 1 TAGB Squad member to claim the gold and be crowned English Champion in the Ladies Middle-

weight Black Belt continuous spring division. Tim Sheward beat the current world champion in the cadet male blue belt heavy weight division on his way to a bronze. Gian Singh won bronze in the executive men's heavy weight point stop sparring.

Elliott Martin fought off some tough opponents in the men's black belt light heavy weight division for continuous sparring to win bronze.

Aadam Khan returned after a long break from competing to pick up a bronze in the boys' light weight red

belt point stop sparring division. Asma Kouser won gold with her team in the ladies red belt tag team.

Saif Ali entered his first ever championships in the cadet male green belt point stop sparring and was rewarded with a bronze medal.

Instructors Jason Rowley and Emily-Jane Arms won a silver and bronze medals respectively.

Success continued a week later with a colour belt grading in Wednesday. Students from as young as five got 100 per cent Kups (Belts).

Last minute goal sees the points shared

Tividale 1 Walsall Wood 1
WOOD gaterashed the Championship celebrations as they battled through to the end and deservedly equalised through Andre Gonzales in the final minute.

Tividale put Wood under instant pressure and should have been ahead after just three minutes, late replacement Keiron Miller threading a ball into the right of the box to put Leigh Downing in on goal but a poor first touch rolled the ball to keeper Raajan Gill.

Wood's first meaningful attack came on nine minutes, Lewis Taylor Boyce racing clear wide right, playing a neat 1-2 with Joey Butlin, his cross cut out by keeper Charles Price.

Dale's move broke down and the ball was played up to Butlin wide right, he made

space for a right wing cross, Harry Harris getting in a header that Price saved comfortably.

From a right wing corner on 14 minutes the Wood defence lived dangerously, three shots were blocked by defenders and then Gill dived bravely at the feet of Miller.

With 16 minutes gone Taylor Boyce got clear again wide right, his low cross flashing cross the face of the six-yard box and eluding everyone.

Two minutes later a ball over the top almost put Miller clear, Lee Stretton managing to touch the ball back to Gill who just managed to kick the ball away from Miller.

After 23 minutes Taylor Boyce again made space wide right before playing the ball inside to Harris on the right edge of the box who hit a rising drive that was tipped

away by Price. Butlin was first to the loose ball but was denied by a superb tackle from Luke Paskin, loud penalty appeals ignored. Butlin charged down an attempted clearance by Paskin on 37 minutes and fed Taylor Boyce on the edge of the box, his first time effort was blocked, the ball fell to Craig Hancox to hit a first time low drive inches wide.

A minute later the Champions went ahead, a right wing corner was punched away by Gill but was delivered back into the danger zone, skipper Mark Smith climbing highest to loop a header into the left hand corner.

The second half started quietly, until on 56 minutes Anthony Juxon ran at the home defence before playing the ball inside to Butlin who was fouled on the edge of the

box. Harris drove the free kick into the wall and hit the rebound high over. On 65 minutes Andre Gonzales won the ball near the left hand corner and played the ball back to Harris, he cut inside and his low drive was saved at full stretch by Price.

On 78 minutes in a swift counter attack Michael Wardle raced clear wide right, his low cross was hit on to his own post by Stretton, the ball bouncing to safety.

With the Champions looking to have held out another ball was hit out wide to the left, this time it was collected at pace by Gonzales who cut inside and his low drive beat the right hand of the diving Price and justice was done.

Whilst never quite approaching the standard of two weeks ago, both sides played some exquisite football.

First win on sheet for bowls A Team

**Stafford Road Bowls
Club Bloxwich
Lichfield League
Stafford Road A 199
Streety 141**

STAFFORD Road A team took on Streety in their first game in Division 5 after gaining promotion at the end of last season. The whole team played well with them only dropping 11 shots throughout the game. Ken Fencott (21-8) Kelton Scott (21-8) Hayley Scott (21-11) John Platt (21-14) Michael Moseley (21-14) Roger Garbet (21-12) and Peter Belanti (21-11) all started their season off with wins. Rugeley Progressive 193 Stafford Road B 158

The B team are hoping to gain promotion out of Division 6 this season, unfortunately they had a tricky first game with only Stan Fencott (21-9) Diane Jones (21-20) and Trevor Kemp (21-17) winning away from home. Next week they will be hoping for a home win when they return the fixture.

On Saturday the A team had a bye -

**Yale 191
Stafford Road B 165**
A good performance but most players struggled with the fast-running green. Marie Davis (21-16), Colin Bickley (21-19), Ian Thomas (21-17) and Chris Ward (21-13) bowled well to win their matches.

Villa come out on top in cup final

**Lichfield & Walsall
District Football League
Walsall Challenge
Cup Final
Pelsall Villa 2 Prince of
Wales 1**

IN a closely fought game Villa eventually came out on top also having missed a penalty.

Premier
Burntwood Albion 4 Aldridge Town2

League One
AC Lions 4 Longhoro FC 3; Boney Hay 2 Brownhills Comm 0

League Four
Cellar Door 4 Eximius Warriors 2

League Trophy - Group A
B'Wood Star 1 Dog FC 1

League Trophy - Group B
Alma FC 1 Green Rock Tavern 0; Swan FC 3 Walsall Phoenix 0

League Trophy - Group C
Hussey Arms 2 Cannock Wood 4

League Trophy - Group D
Sheffield FC 1 Paradise FC 0; Trident FC 1 Wych Elm 0.

Late flourish is not enough

Willenhall 2 Pegasus Jnr 3
A LATE firefight was not enough for Willenhall, who lost 3-2 at home to Pegasus Juniors in the League Cup.

The Lockmen failed to clear a fourth-minute cross. When the ball was swung back in, Julian Sharpe needed an own goal.

Pegasus struck again from a 39th-minute free kick which was clipped into the box for skipper Paul Allan to flick home a header.

He was sent off on 51 minutes, but the visitors hit a breakthrough third. Two goals from Lockmen substitute Jake Morgan on 88 and 89 minutes threatened extra time, but Pegasus held on.

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**Duo do it
in style to
give Pics
the victory**

**Witton Albion 2
Rushall Olympic 4**
RUSHALL Olympic completed their away Northern League Premier Division programme in fine style with an excellent performance at Witton Albion.

They took a seventh-minute lead when young Jamie Spencer kept his cool to shoot past the advancing keeper Matt Cooper.

On 14 minutes Hancock put the home side level with a 20-yard shot.

Witton then took the lead. Scott Bakkor beat Matt Wood out wide, cut inside and laid the ball back for Danny Andrew to drill a shot past Maher.

Moments later, Albion had the ball in the net again but Bakkor's effort was off-side.

Five minutes before the break the Pics were back on level terms. Stan Mugisha won the ball in a challenge with keeper Cooper and from a very wide angle curled a superb shot into the far corner of the net.

On 74 minutes Pics were back in front when Spencer fired home.

With nine minutes remaining, they increased the advantage when Spencer played a short pass into Mugisha's path and he fired home a fine shot to round off an excellent Rushall performance.

**Reds out of
drop zone**

**Willenhall Town 2
Shifnal Town 0**
THE Lockmen produced a fine performance to beat a poor Shifnal outfit who had the bare 11 players, climbing out of the relegation places in the process.

Willenhall made the best possible start when a ball was played out to Alex Carling on the right and he cut inside before whipping a fine effort past the keeper.

Eddie Wilson also went close from a free-kick before a superb challenge on 17 minutes from Clarke in his own half saw him bounce up and pick out a racing Fuller with a precise 50-yard pass. Fuller fired first time under the keeper.

Andre Calder and Max Whitehouse both headed over from corners before Booth did well to deny the visitor's Andy Rich.

Carling had two shots saved early on.

Two late goals bolster Wood's performance

Continental Star 0 Walsall Wood 3

TWO goals in the last two minutes gave the scoreline a more realistic look as Wood made it five wins out of five games this season against Star, a victory that moves them up to seventh – their highest ever position.

Wood's first effort on goal came as Max Black raced into the box onto a through-ball by Jamie Hawkins, he went past one defender before his shot was blocked.

Wood then put the home defence under considerable pressure and they just couldn't get the ball away, Butlin collected a ball on the right edge of the box before hitting a

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dipping drive over the poorly positioned Ellis and into the far corner to open the scoring.

The last goalmouth action of the half should have brought the hosts level, Riccardo Reid raced into the left of the box only to chip the ball weakly into the hands of the advancing Gill.

Then on 69 minutes Taylor Boyce cut in from wide right, his low near post cross shovelled behind by Ellis. Two minutes later a Harris left wing free kick skimmed

off the top of Juxon's head and wide of the far post.

Just to remind Wood that Star were still in it, substitute Jamie Clews on 73 minutes raced clear wide left, his swinging far post cross superbly taken under intense pressure by Gill.

A minute later a long clearance found Garvey wide left, he cut inside and his low drive was well held by Gill.

Wood took almost total control for the last 15 minutes, Danny Rock hitting a cross shot over the right angle on 77 minutes, Juxon heading just wide on 83, then on 88

minutes Juxon played a ball forward to Butlin who with defenders appealing for hand ball out-muscled his marker before racing into the right of the box to score into the far corner. Then right on time a lovely ball inside the box from Rock saw Black neatly sidestep his marker before drilling the ball low into the net.

The scoreline by no means flattered Wood, but for a 10 minute spell in the second half Star nearly made them pay dearly for a host of missed chances in the first hour. It's Shepshed Dynamo at Oak Park tonight.

**Ngoo has
the taste
for goals**

MICHAEL NGOO now wants more goals after finally ending his Walsall scoring drought.

The 21-year-old bagged his first goal for the Saddlers in his 13th appearance for the club, when he netted a late equaliser in Friday's 1-1 draw at Carlisle.

Ngoo, who joined on loan from Premier League Liverpool in January, had previously admitted frustration and his stay at the Banks's has not been the success he hoped it would be.

But he feels breaking his duck will give him the confidence to perhaps increase the tally in the remaining league games.

"I want more goals," he said. "I'm going to build on the first one and take this confidence into the rest of the games. It felt great. I'm happy to score it's just unfortunate it has taken me this long to put the ball in the back of the net."

"But now I've got my first, I can build on that towards the end of the season."

Ngoo's goal was his first in more than 12 months, having failed to hit the target since a loan spell with Hearts in the Scottish Premier League last season.

**Ellie adds gold
medal to haul**

ELLIE SIMMONDS won 400m freestyle gold to claim her second medal of the British Para-Swimming International meet on the final day in Glasgow.

The Paralympic and world champion lowered her time by more than a second to finish in 5.26.52 and secured her third qualification for the contest.

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NO PLAYOFF SPOT FOR THE SADDLERS

Walsall 1 Gillingham 1

ONCE again manager Dean Smith had that same bemused look, now bordering on exasperation, across his face as he attempted to explain how the Saddlers had failed to beat Gillingham.

Ahead through Febian Brandy's 55th-minute strike, the hosts had played arguably their finest football for months as they repeatedly threatened to tear through the visitors.

Posts were struck, shots whistled wide and lunges proved agonisingly short. But crucially, and once again, the second goal never arrived and that allowed Cody McDonald to deliver a sucker punch with six minutes remaining when he fired home an equaliser with the visitors' first real effort on target.

Meeting

It was McDonald who broke Walsall hearts in December when he struck in injury time in the first meeting between these sides, to salvage a 2-2 draw.

His name can now be added again to a far-too-lengthy list of strikers to play party pooper against the Saddlers, who now find themselves fighting to preserve a top-half finish over the final two games.

Of all the results which might have frustrated Smith this season, this one

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will grate simply because his side showed a verve which has been all too often lacking in recent months.

After a first half in which both teams seemed to have one eye on the summer, the Saddlers took the game by the scruff of the neck from the restart.

Scorer Brandy, a constant menace, was at the forefront while top scorer Craig Westcarr – back from suspension – and Milan Lalkovic buzzed around.

Two of those will return to their parent clubs in a fortnight's time while the future of the third, Westcarr, is undecided.

Brandy was superb throughout, and broke the deadlock, firing low and into the net.

The only question appeared to be when the Saddlers would get the second.

Westcarr drilled a shot from 25 yards off the base of the post, while Lalkovic was inches wide. Sawyers and Westcarr were both inches away from getting on the end of teasing crosses from Mal Benning. But just like he had in December, McDonald was there to provide the sting in the tail.



Febian Brandy celebrates his 55th-minute strike with the Saddlers fans at the Banks's

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